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## TO: R. S. Stevens

## FROM: J. Van Schaick

## Van Schaick & Co. Bankers and Stock Brokers, 13 Broad Street

New York, Dec 31 187 5

R. S. Stephens, Esq.

Genl. Manager, H. & St Jo R.R. Co. Hannibal, Mo. Dear Sir:-

Some 18 months ago I sent a young man named Charles E. Nichols to our road & he has been employed in Mr. Chase's office at Kansas City. I have every reason to know that young Nichols is a most efficient clerk and I am exceedingly sorry to be informed that he has been discharged by Mr. Chase. The salary paid him was only \$600 and instead of being discharged he should have been promoted to a better place. At the suggestion of Captain Acker I address you this letter, and the captain will write you on the same subject. Could you give Nichols a place with Mr. Clark at Atchison?<sup>2</sup>

I assume that Nichols is in every way a desirable man - if not I would not desire to have anything to say on the subject of his removal.

I am dear sir

Very Truly Yours J. Van Schaick

I hope to have the pleasure of an interview with you when you are next in N.Y.

J. V. S.

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{FROM}$ : Book of Letters to R.S.S. from 8-1875 to 1-1876.  $^{2}\mathrm{See}$  also letter No. 760113-D.