

From James Henry Lane to E.M. Stanton

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Leavenworth Kansas,
February 8th 1862.

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington, D.C.
Sir,

My attention has been directed to the extension of the Platte County Rail Road from Western Missouri its present terminus, to Fort Leavenworth, a distance of about four miles; I am satisfied that the Government would derive very great advantages in the delivery of army supplies, Troops &c. and that it would be good policy on the part of the Government to encourage the proposed extension to a point opposite Fort Leavenworth, -- the amount that would be saved to the Government by said extension over the cost of hauling and reshipping as now required under the present situation of things; I hope you will give the importance of the measure a fair consideration.

Very Truly Yours
J[.]H[.] Lane
U.S.S. Kansas

I concur fully in the above Letter
M[.]W[.] Delahay
Surveyor General for K.T. [MS. illegible].