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Hon James J. Hill
St Paul
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Dear Sir & Bros

It is with great reluctance that I address You on this subject, but my present circumstances compels me to do so. I am in great distress being sick and confined to the house with congestion of the lungs not knowing when I will be able to go out again, being compelled before the 29th of this month to raise the sum of \$250.00. I have in my present distress concluded to ask You as an old friend & Brother to at present advance me said amount, and I assure You as a friend and brother Mason that the same shall fully be repaid to You within the year 1894. Please grant the request of a brother in distress.

I could give You fuller explanation of my present distress, but suppose that Your valuable time is taken up with more valuable matter

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours
Charles Johnson