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HOBOKEN, N. J., March 25th, 189

Edward Russ, Esq.,

Chairman Committee on Sites, Free Public Library,

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of my mother, Mrs. Martha Stevens and my sister-in-law Mrs. John Stevens, and myself, I beg to acquaint you with the fact that we are willing to donate to the City of Hoboken in land and cash a sum not exceeding \$26,000, towards the erection of a Free Public Library Building, by the Free Library trustees of the City of Hoboken, providing that accommodations at the same time be given for the proper accommodation of the Industrial Education department of the City of Hoboken, and providing that the City of Hoboken will raise the balance of the amount necessary to erect such buildings as may meet our approval for the above object, and providing that this offer must be accepted before the first day of July, of this year.

And that the deed of conveyance shall contain such restrictions as will insure the accomplishment of the above named objects. The site of said building to be selected by the Library Trustees.

Yours respectfully

Richard Stevens

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HOBOKEN, N. J., May 8th, 1895

President Russ,

Dear Sir:-

I write on behalf of my mother Mrs. Stevens, my sister-in-law, Mrs. John Stevens and myself, to explain to your Board our position as to the manner in which we expect to see carried out the conditions annexed to our gift of \$26000 to the Library & Industrial Education building.

The conditions consisted of the guarantee that the building should be used for the joint purpose of the Library and Industrial school, and that the Industrial Education Board should have power to pass on the plans before they are accepted.

There is only one way in which we can assure the fulfilment of the above conditions, viz., that the donors, after the site for the building and the price thereof have been decided on by the proper city authorities, shall purchase the same and convey the property to the City by a deed in which are incorporated the foregoing conditions.

The cost of the site decided on will probably not reach \$26000 so that the donors will turn over to the Free Library Trustees the balance of the \$26000 remaining in their hands after the purchase of such site.

Hoping this arrangement will meet the approval of your Board.

Yours Respectfully

Richard Stevens

