





The Foundation of South Australia

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Letter to Edward Stephens, 1839 **PRG 21/3**

Adelaide 27th September 1839

Edward Stevens Esqr.

Sir

With reference to the conversation I had with you this morning, relative to the vacancy in your office, I have now the pleasure to offer myself as a candidate for the situation, trusting from the extensive experience I have had in the South of Scotland in connection with a Bank conducted upon the most approved for of bookkeeping, as well as in the Colonial establishment of the Bank of Australiasia, that, by assiduous attention to business & to the best interests of the Bank, I may be enabled to discharge the duties of the office to the full satisfaction of the Company. For Testimonials of character & ability. I beg to refer you to the documents now in your hands, and I may just add that I shall be 24 years of age in ?, and am a native of ...burgshire. – Regarding enrolements I shall Expect a salary of Three Hundred Pounds stg for the first year with An annual increase, understanding however that the latter will depend upon the Bank's opinion of my merit and services. If more agreeable the Company I shall be happy to enter into an agreement with them on these terms for a limited Term of years. - Considering my present situation in the Branch here, I find I shall not be able to get released from my Engagement with the Bank of Australasia before the end of next month and therefore I offer my Services to you from the 1st of November next.

Trusting in the favorable consideration of Mr McLaren and yourself,

> I remain respectfully Sir

> > Your most obed S1

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