

Jefferson City (Mo.)  
21<sup>st</sup> Aug. 61

Hon Edward Bates  
Atty Genl  
Sci

The office of Dist. Atty  
of the Western Dist. of the state is vacant  
as I am informed.

I have the honor to recom-  
mend Robert J. Lacey Esq of this city  
as <sup>a person</sup> suitable & qualified to discharge the  
duties of the office. I hope he will receive  
the appointment.

I am with respect  
Yr obt servt  
John S Phelps

Recommending me  
looking for local attorney  
read Bill of me

J. S. Shultz  
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