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**TO: R. S. Stevens**  
**FROM: C. H. Branscomb**

Holyoke, Mass.

Nov. 17, 1875

My Dear Stevens:-

I have your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. I cannot come to New York now. I have to go to Boston. Besides, is it necessary for me to see you now?

Let me know where the road is, the termini, and any facts or opinions as to the trade, that it will open up. Then I will propose the business to some of my friends, & asking them, if such & such are the facts, will they take hold.

In this way we will save time and expense. And my friends should they think favorable of the project can take such course as they see fit for ascertaining the truth.

If you have any negotiations on hand promising success, don't let my interference interrupt.

Shall you be in Washington next month, or when will you be in New York again.

Faithfully yours,  
C. H. Branscomb

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.