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TO: R. S. Stevens FROM: A. N. Towne

## **Central Pacific Railroad Company**

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 26th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Gen'l Manager, H. & St. J. R. R., Hannibal

Dear Sir:-

I am happy to respond to yours of the 19th just received, and I hand you tickets herewith for two persons Ogden to San Francisco and return.

I saw the announcement in the papers of your appointment as General Manager of the H. & St. J. R. R., and was very glad to hear it, as I believe there is yet a future for the road, but believe it will be found to be necessary for its owners to place it in the hands of a management on the ground. I do not believe it, or any other road, can be successfully managed a thousand miles or more away. They had my brother, L. W., for a long time on the "ragged edge," and I think made it as unpleasant as was possible to be made for him. The road he represents now, though of less importance in many respects than the H. & St. Jo., affords him a much pleasanter situation.

I hope you may at some future time find it convenient to visit California; I would be very glad indeed to see you here.

Yours Truly.

A. N. Towne

Genl. Supt.

[NOTE below by someone other than Robert:]

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