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TO: W. H. Neilson
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Dec. 20, 1875

W. H. Neilson, Esq.

Pres^t

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of 17th just received and I am extremely gratified to know that my course is meeting your approval. Everything suggested by you shall have the closest attention and every effort made to carry them out. I hope to be with you in N. Y. City the 27th & 28th and trust to find you in the City. Will bring estimate of filling Kansas City Trestle. Will also explain my plans for future.

We have on hand today \$47,029.50.

Our pay Rolls due today some \$44,000.00. November rolls on Quincy Bridge, \$15,000 to be paid today - Draft due Dec. 27, over \$5,000. School taxes, Dec. 31, some \$27,000 being for taxes due on Return made by Genl. Craig while Prest., & which is in accordance with provisions of our Charter. Total over \$111,000.00 to be paid this month with \$47,000 on hand and 11 days Rec'ts. From this you see the impossibility of remitting more to N. Y. this month.

Besides above payments, we must meet drafts of Foreign Roads for Ticket balances & mileage - and pass over all our supply bills. I have arranged personally for \$25,000 to meet taxes due 31st (and which must be paid on execution issues at once) in case our current accts. are not enough to meet them. Once over this "pinch", I think we can meet interest on bonds from current earnings.

¹FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-1876."

Respectfully yrs,

R. S. Stevens

General Manager