Hannibal and St. Joseph Rail Road Co.
78 Broadway
New York, August 12, 1875

Friend Stevens:

Can you arrange as you said for 50M & send it here before the 25th. Our pm't is 160M & we will arrange balance here. I will honor a note passed as soon as you can get a quorum to allow you to put it all paper from the earnings. We have nothing more to pay until Dec. 1st & we have 4 mos. of the largest earnings of the year '75 to square up. I would not make the paper over 90 days. The Rail Road War has effected our stock fundings, & brokers have been selling to day through Treasurer. It will be better after they get through. I have not bot any but will in case of a raid. Gould is very anxious to put on his thro car & in case the C. B. & Q. do not take it, we had better do, but immediately. I think the War will end within a week. All parties here want it to.

Hastily Yrs trly,

B. F. C.

Aug. 12th 1875

[NOTE: At the top of the letter is written:] Tel.graph me upon receipt of this if we can depend up a remittance of $52,000.