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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: George A. Reynolds

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.

WILLIAM BOND, RECEIVER.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Parsons, Kansas, August 23, 1875

Friend Stevens:-

I am more than gratified that you have consented to take the position of Gen'l Manager of the Hannibal & St. Joe R. R. For seventeen years you and I have been warm personal friends. I never for a moment faltered in my devotion to you, or in my profound appreciation of your genius and executive ability. Your best moment will be in your grand success in building the great M. K. & T. R. R., and in time if not now, Kansas and Missouri will do you justice. You have a host of friends that will always be proud of your success. I would like to see you and offer, in person my warmest congratulations in all your successes. I know Mr. Stevens you are infinitely above, a thousand of those who would throw discredit on your fame, for personal interests. I write this with no favors to ask but from the appreciation I have for brains and personal worth. One half of the employees of the M. K. & T. would come to you, if they could serve you in any way.

I hope you will continue to be a citizen of the west and that Texas and the Indian Territory will have the benefit of your genius in the future.

With kindest regards for yourself and family I am as ever yours.

Geo. A. Reynolds

I am in charge of Indian matters for the M. K. & T. and A. & P. R. R. and my recommendations are generally carried out promptly and satisfactorily.

¹ FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.