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**TO: Mary P. Stevens**

**FROM: R. S. Stevens**

HANNIBAL & ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY

General Manager's Office,

Hannibal, Mo., Oct. 5, 1875

Dear Mary,

The enclosed came this morn. I telegraphed Fred to take no risks by over study. Have just written him a long letter. I have almost forgotten exactly how his eyes were effected at Salt Lake, but I think twas a neuralgic pain, rather than sore or weak eyes. Am I right? If he is not better, you better take a run down & see him. You will be so much better satisfied. He was right plucky in going to Rochester alone & much more so in not going to Attica. Should you go down, be sure to see Pres't. White & Prof. Morris & thank them for their kindness to Fred. I will send you some cash tomorrow.

I wish you would sign inclosed deed, acknowledge before Judge T. & return. It is to perfect an old sale, made long ago. Putnam is doing nicely. Is in Treasurer's Office, as "Receiving Cashier"! All money, pkg's, remittances by Ex. from Agents, &c. go to him. He opens, counts, deposits in Bank & makes necessary entries. He is much pleased. Post came, hung around down hearted & dull. I have put him into Land Office copying contracts! He don't like it. Wants to be Asst. or Div. Supt. Trust Gus had not advised his coming.

Very warm today. I moved into my new quarters last night. Two pleasant rooms, comfortably furnished & fair board. My side improves by rest & rubbing. [?]Joes gives me the latter night & morning. Carver's trip here next week will decide the duration of my connection with road. Unless all is arranged as we talked, shall not remain long. In love to all

Your own

Robert -