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TO: H. D. Mirick
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 5th, 1875

H. D. Mirick, Esq.
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter of Mr. Sigurdahl tells its own story.

His statement as to the price he was to receive for his horse after January 1st, is utterly incorrect. I never made any bargain with him of that character. For sometime prior to Jan'y 1st, '75, he furnished his own horse under an arrangement to the effect that the Company would pay for the keeping thereof. In accordance with such agreement he from time to time presented a bill for forage which was allowed and paid. Sometime in the month of June, if I remember correctly, during my absence Mr. Chappell declined to allow his bill for forage and either discharged him entirely, or made some new arrangements of which I never was advised of, and no voucher has been presented to me for allowance or approval. Possibly Col. Turner may have some knowledge thereof, and I think you were as well advised as anyone.

If Fred furnished a horse for the Company's use, and never has been paid therefor, there is not a particle of doubt in my mind but the Receiver upon his return will, upon presentation of the bill, provided it is a fair and proper one, pay it readily.

In regard to the wagon, I have no memory about it whatever. My impressions were that it was sold, and no doubt taken on time, but Fred can easily get the name of the party to whom it was sold. If the same was sold and he paid me the money, which was not accounted for by me to the Company, I am perfectly willing to settle the same. Fred is in no way responsible therefor, and writer of the letter should have very well known this, and the refusal of the controller to pay Fred his salary was entirely outside and beyond his jurisdiction.

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

I write this to you, as Fred may probably be back there from Hickory County and desire to know what has been done.

So far as the \$25.00 wagon account is concerned, if the controller would take the pains to investigate both sides he would find that the Company is owing me for the purchase money of the lots on Indiana Street, of which it has the deed and I have paid the money.

Under these circumstances, I do not think there is much necessity for him to worry about the wagon account.

Yours respectfully,
R. S. Stevens