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**TO: A. B. Meeker**  
**FROM: R. S. Stevens**

Oct. 15th, 1875

A. B. Meeker and Co.  
#92 Washington St., Chicago

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 14th before me, and prices named for steel rails very reasonable, however, before making any contracts there are some matters connected therewith, which I must settle.

- 1<sup>st</sup> The price for freights.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The price for old rails.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The manner of payment for the difference between old iron rails and steel.

Within the last few weeks the road from this place to Bowling Green has been completed, and is now in reasonably good running order. What rate could you get from the "Chicago and Alton" from Joliet to Bowling Green. They probably would give you a better rate than we could secure. What would you allow us for old iron rails delivered at the same place. (i.e., Bowling Green). Will you take old rails sufficient to pay in full for five hundred tons of steel - if not, what is the greatest percentage of old rails that you will receive on the difference. Also, what time will you give us for the payment thereof, and at what rate of interest.

If these matters can be arranged satisfactorily I think a trade can be effected. Of course we would prefer to deliver all old rails at this place, rather than at Bowling Green.

Yours respectfully,  
R. S. Stevens  
Genl Manager

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-76."

Will the C. & A. give us the same rate on our rails Joliet to this point as they rec'd. from the Central Pacific on rails sold them last summer?

R. S. S.