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TO: E. C. D. Shortridge
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Nov. 15, 1875

E. C. D. Shortridge, Esq.
Macon, M^o.

Dr Sir:-

Your favor 18th is at hand & contents noted.

My theory is that a car should never be loaded with over ten tons. But as 12 tons are allowed for lumber, &c., same wght of coal must be permitted. Over this the risk is too great, not only to the over-loaded car, but to entire train. We must insist that 24,000 ^{lbs} shall be the maximum load per car, under all circumstances. I prefer reducing price, when necessary, to overloading. This rule will apply to all & to every class of freight. I leave for east this P.M. Hope to come up & see you on my return.

Respectfully Yrs,
R. S. Stevens
G. M.

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