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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: W. P. Stuart

Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Line.

St. Joseph, Nov 20 187 5

Mr. R. S. Stevens
Gen Manager

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours referring to Passenger Depot on 8th Street will say I called upon Gen Craig who says the city will put the street through from 8th to 6th in good shape. I have talked with some of the members of the City Council in regard to the street. They say there will be no trouble in getting it built in the best style as soon as it is decided about 8th Street being the location for the Depot.

I am inclined to think you cannot get much aid from Gen. Craig as he has remarked to some of the property owners in the vicinity of where you propose putting the Depot that they were foolish to offer the Co. any donations by way of Cash or Real Estate; that if you thought it was to the Co^s interest to locate the Depot on 8th St. you would do so without donations from anyone. But regardless of his suggestion to those parties I am confident I can get a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars in one day if you say that will be a sufficient inducement for you to locate it there. If you will state some sum that will in a manner definitely close the bargain as to the location I will undertake through some of the leading business men & property owners in this vicinity to carry out your plan. I have not mentioned the matter only as a rumor that a Depot was talked of by you, & that this location had been spoken of. I will be pleased to undertake to carry out any plan or suggestion you may desire in the matter.

Yours Resp

W. P. Stuart, G.A.

¹FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.