TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: Robert Harris

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

There is a point in regard to Kansas City business from the seaboard that would operate very unfairly under the arrangement that was made yesterday. As to all business to and from Chicago and Kansas City, the H. & St. J. and C. B. & Q. agree to divide evenly in consideration of the H. & St. J. being our exclusive ally as between Chicago and K. City. On business from N. York the Roads West of the Mississippi river have arbitrary rates, and as the rates from N. York to Chicago are also arbitrary the amount left to the C. B. & Q. is quite small. On first class I understand about 1/3 of yours and on fourth class about 1/2. Is it reasonable for us to make the H. & St. J. our exclusion ally on the N. York business whilst the H. & St. Jo does not make the C. B. & Q. its exclusive connection as to N. York business and divided it unevenly? In view of the proposed arrangement for the C. B. & Q. to make the H. & St. J. its exclusive connection not only from Chicago but as to N. York business do you not think the rate from Chicago to K. City on N. York business should be divided on the same basis as the Chicago business? — that is: each Co. have one half.

Yours truly,
Robert Harris

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