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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: W. H. Harris

OFFICE OF
The Kansas Rolling Mill Company.

Kansas City, Mo., Decr 28 187 5

Col. R. S. Stevens
Genl Managal, Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed bill for Steel rails furnished your Company from our Chicago Mill is to be settled in old rails delivered here at 6.⁵⁰ per ton. This will amount to about 358 tons. In the absence of any statements showing what cars have been shipped by you, I think that about one half the quantity has been received. When statements are received we will make the proper credits to you.

I must say however that I am disappointed about it, for, from what Mr. Stone told me, I was under the impression that you were prepared to deliver over 1000 tons without delay, and I find now that we do not receive 100 tons a week. We need the old rails very much immediately & our future business demands promptness & our part in carrying out present contracts. I hope you will find some way of relieving our necessity & not permit this good weather pass by unimproved.

Have contracted also for some 1500 tons old rails to be delivered here (via your line) on the T.W.& W. Ry. Col. Andrews says he is very short of cars & that he can ship much more rapidly if you can send some for the ?__pose. If you can comply with his request he will be much obliged.

¹FROM: Book of Letters to R.S.S. from 8-1875 to 1-1876.

Yours truly,

W. H. Harris

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