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TO: W. P. Stuart
FROM: R. S. Stevens

August 28th, 1875

W. P. Stuart, Esq.
Gen'l Agent, H. and St. Joe.
Saint Joseph

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 27th inst. at hand and contents noted.

Your views, expressed therein in reference to the signing of bonds are correct. I was not aware when signing the same myself that the bonds would be presented to you for your signature.

I merely said to Judge Carr that I tho't that the local attys of the Co. ought to have friends enough, or the Co. ought to have at each station along the Line [men] who would be willing to sign the bonds as a mere matter of form to comply with the statute. It becomes necessary of course to give bonds in taking an appeal from a decision which is deemed illegal and possibly unjust — and the rules of the court must in such cases be complied with.

When Messrs Carver and Acker were here they assured me that everything necessary should be done by the board of Directors to guarantee indemnity to parties signing our appeal bonds, and I have asked them to pass a resolution to that effect.

Yours respect.

R. S. Stevens
Genl Manager
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