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**TO: R. S. Stevens**

**FROM: A. B. Stone**

CLEVELAND ROLLING MILL CO., Cleveland, Ohio  
UNION ROLLING MILL CO., Chicago, Ill.  
DECATUR ROLLING MILL CO., Decatur, Ill.

**A. B. STONE, President,**

64 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 187 5

Col. R. S. Stevens  
Genl Manager, &c.

Dear Sir:-

I owe you an apology for not having responded to your letters sooner, but the multiplicity of matters in my hands have prevented me.

Will you please name the very lowest price you will take for the Locomotive now rented of you by the Atchison Bridge Co.,<sup>2</sup> also for how much per annum will you rent us stall room for it<sup>3</sup> and how much you will charge for water?<sup>4</sup> At what price will you sell the Manchester made Locomotive?<sup>5</sup> The objection to the latter is that it is of a different build from the other Engines upon the Road. We prefer to have all of our Locomotives from one builder, and thus reduce expenses of repairs. I have just bought a new one for the St. L. K. North Wis. R.R. of the size as the one you offer at a very low figure. I will write Mr. Wells to look at your Engine.

In regard to the Bear Creek trestle, I hope that we shall in a day or two have matters arranged that we can without delay finish our Line to Louisiana and we will at once arrange all connections with your Road.

Very Truly Yours,

A. B. Stone

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

<sup>2</sup>Robert has noted in pencil: "\$6,000."

<sup>3</sup>Robert notes: "& turn[table] \$50."

<sup>4</sup>Robert notes: "\$50 per tank."

<sup>5</sup>Robert notes: "\$5,500."