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TO: James W. Singleton
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 29, 1875

My Dear General:

Your favor of the 27th at hand, and is perfectly satisfactory.

I hope you do not understand that I want to dictate to you, as to whom you should employ. My only desire was to give you the fullest information in regard to Mr. Coe's status. Being so good a disciplinarian yourself, you can readily understand how troublesome it is to have a man discharged from one department, and employed in another, particularly if he assumes to talk a good deal, and is inclined to be over officious. In regard to his honesty and integrity, I can say nothing. I only know he was short on the books of the Company several hundred dollars, and I was advised by those here when I came, not to pay him until his account was made good, or satisfactory reasons given for his shortage.

Mr. Coe has never spoken to me on the subject, but I am informed he is talking quite foolishly outside. This has a tendency to make trouble. Of course, now that he is in the harness, we will keep him until the job is over. That done, I think you will agree with me as to the propriety of letting him out.

You speak of putting the list in the hands of the printer. Do you propose to do that in case the lands are not offered this fall or winter.

Capt. Acker left Thursday morning for the purpose of attending the meeting Monday. Whether he will remain in Chicago over Saturday and Sunday, or come down to Quincy, spending Saturday and Sunday there, I do not know now. I will probably be advised by telegraph. In case he comes to Quincy Saturday, I shall come up Sat. evening, and spend Sunday with you.

Yours truly,

R. S. Stevens, G.M.

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