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TO: J. P. Acker
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 23^d, 1875

Capt. J. P. Acker

Dear Capt:-

Enclosed I hand you copy of a letter this day written Mr. Carver.

It may be the language is a little plain and strong, but I must charge it to intense annoyance under the circumstances, which should excuse any plainness of speech.

There is but one way to manage the affairs of this Company or any other, and that is: first designate who shall be at the head of the operating department, and all matters connected therewith on the Line of the Road; that done, give him orders direct from the President, Board, or Executive Committee, and let all orders or directions of any kind whatever pass thro the chief. In that way he will be best advised of what is going on.

If you or Mr. Carver expect me to attempt the management of <?> here under a false representation and misstatements, thereby placing not only myself, but the Company in a damaging position before the public, the stockholders and all concerned, it is simply a mistake. I prefer to resign at once. As I said to Mr. Carver, my stock was purchased on certain representations & I am still willing to put my shoulder to the wheel, and work out the problem, not only for myself, but all concerned, which I believe, with honesty and integrity on the part of those in charge, can be done.

Respectfully and truly yours,

R. S. Stevens

Genl. Mangr.

¹FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-76."