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TO: Robert Harris
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Dec. 13, 1875

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 11" before me, and contents noted.

In our conversation last Friday, there was some reference made to the matters referred to by you, on the part of Mr. Smith, but I understood you to say that it was not best to take up too many subjects at once. Independent of this, however, it is my earnest desire to so arrange rates between our respective Co's that there shall be no jealousies or distrust. To this end of course, rates should be as nearly equal as possible, reference being had to our respective rates with other companies, and the rates established by them.

In a conversation this moment had with Mr. Courtright, I learn that your Mr. Smith and he are considering the matter referred to, and are about agreeing upon something that shall be by them considered fair and equitable. With this view I presume it will be satisfactory to you to leave the matter at present.

As I am very frank to confess, my experience has been so limited on the H. & St. J. R.R., that I am hardly competent to talk understandingly in reference to details of this kind. Should Messrs. Smith and Courtright be unable to agree, we can then take the matter up and dispose of it.

Letters this morning received from William Bond, Receiver, St. J. & K. C. Ry., inform me that he has given all parties interested, notice that and after Jan'y 1st, 1876, no more California freight will be carried over that Line, and also that from and after same date, he proposes to surrender trackage from Hastings to Kearney, over the P. & M.

From this it would appear that after this month the California business via that Road is disposed of, and that being the case, any troubles heretofore existing on account of cars being improperly loaded or sent will not occur.

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

Very respectfully,
R. S. Stevens
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