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TO: Sidney Dillon
FROM: William Bond

"KEARNEY ROUTE."

William Bond, Receiver

St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad Company.

GENERAL FREIGHT AND TICKET OFFICE.

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St. Joseph, Mo., December 11th 187 5

Sidney Dillon, Esq.
Prest, Union Pacific R.R.
New York

Dr Sir:-

I write to advise you that I have given instructions to abandon running through trains on this railway in connection with what is known as the "Kearney Route".

When this route was opened in May 1874 I was in hopes that it would prove of mutual advantage to the Union Pacific and the Saint Joseph and Denver Railroad.

Your Western Officials seem to think however that the "Kearney Route" completed its usefulness when it compelled a concession from the "Pool Line" to your Company.

Of course we are unable to compete with the Omaha route against the Influence of your Officers and now that the Saint Louis business is taken from us by their action and a just proportion of eastern bound business refused us, I am compelled to give notice to our connecting lines that we must discontinue the route as a through route.

¹FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

Yours Very Truly,

("Signed") William Bond

Receiver