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TO: M. M. Buck
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 4th, 1875

M. M. Buck and Co.
209 N. 3^d St., St. Louis

Gentlemen:-

Your favor of the 18th is rec'd.

Upon taking charge of this Road I found a large surplus of many kinds of supplies, and have thus far devoted what little time I could spare to a careful examination, and investigation of our condition, and wants. It is my intention, at an early day, to appoint a purchasing agent, and his instructions will be to buy whatever is needed of those who can sell at the lowest price — in other words — my practice on this Road will be, as far as possible, merely a repetition, in this respect, of my course on the M. K. & T. R.R.

By the way, we have two or three very old and entirely worn out locomotives, fit for nothing but scrap iron, altho there may be some portions of each worth more than mere metal. Cannot you send me on a purchaser? It is my desire to "clean out" all this old trash and clear up our premises from such debris. Quite likely you may purchase this yourself upon inspection, as it will afford to a person knowing how to use it quite a handsome profit.

Yours respectfully,

R. S. Stevens

Gen'l Manager

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