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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: C. N. Lee

*Hannibal and St. Joseph Rail Road Co.
Superintendent's Department.*

Hannibal, Mo. Dec. 16th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.
Genl. Manager
Dear Sir:-

In answer to your enquiry as to what I know about weights of lumber shipped by other roads from Hannibal for the elevator belonging to or represented by Mr. Latshaw at Kansas City, I would say that my attention was called to the fact by Mr. Courtright, that dealers here were ordered by Mr. Latshaw to stop shipping lumber over our road and to send it over the M. K. & T. Ry., for the reason that they were not permitted to load more than 24,000 pounds in our cars. Of course this made us anxious to know what our neighbors were doing and found that they were loading about 30,000 pounds to the car.

I supposed at the time that the St. L., K. C. & N. Ry. was fathering this job but in an interview with Mr. McKissock at St. Louis, he denied and telegraphed his agent at Kansas City in my presence to charge excess on all over 20,000 pounds for that elevator. I then wrote Maj. Garner of the M. K. & T. Ry., a copy of whose letter I herewith enclose.²

This is about all I know about the matter.

¹FROM: Book of Letters to R.S.S. from 8-1875 to 1-1876.

²See also letters Nos. 751122-B and 751216-J.

Yours truly,

C. N. Lee

Gen^l. Superintendent