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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: Geo. H. Nettleton

RAILROAD COMPANIES.

KANSAS CITY, ST. JOSEPH & COUNCIL BLUFFS. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MISSOURI RIVER, FT. SCOTT & GULF.

LEAVENWORTH, LAWRENCE & GALVESTON.

ATCHISON & NEBRASKA. Kansas City, Oct. 18 187 5

R. S. Stevens Esq.

Gen^l Manager, H. & St. Jo. R.R^d

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 14th in regard to Union Depot grounds at Kansas City. As you are aware at a late meeting of Supts, a committee was appointed to ascertain what would be the cost of ground at the old site. It is very desirable to know definitely whether the H. & St. Jo. company will give up sufficient ground for the purpose named and also as to price. I suppose the only way that a depot company can get title will be by condemnation which would of course be done by consent as to quantity of land and price. Will you say for the H. & St. Jo. R.R^d Co. that it will not stand in the way of proceedings to commence at the price of \$10,000 per acre. My own judgment is that the land should be put in at \$8,000 per acre.

In regard to the "moderate <?>" am of the same mind with you that you don't want a very expensive building, but we do want a good one with ample accommodations. My judgment is that a suitable building with tracks (exclusive of land) will cost about \$100,000. With this idea you can figure your rental and will see that it will not be high.

I hope you appreciate the necessity of my <?> you in regard to this matter as it is necessary that I should have something definite to report at our next meeting soon to be held. Of course if your company is not desirous to have the new depot located on the old site I wish you would say so for there is no use if my working in the direction that I am unless seconded by you.

¹FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

Yours truly

Geo. H. Nettleton