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TO: Sidney Bartlett
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 21st, 1875
Sidney Bartlett, Esq.
Exchange St., Boston

Dear Sir:-

Understanding you are one of the principal owners of a coal property near the Line of the H. & St. Joe R.R., known as "Mine No. 5," which is now idle, partially dismantled, producing nothing, and rapidly going to waste, and in view of the fact that the "coal interest" on this Line should be revived, affording a renumerative traffic to the R.R., and a large profit (if properly handled) to the owners of the mine, I am led to address you on the subject.

This mine is some one half mile from the Road and no switch or track thereto. Now in case you could get the mine re-equipped, a switch graded and ironed, and have mine properly worked, would you lease it for one year? If so on what Royalty?

The expense of thus putting the mine in order, and cost of track (except iron which R.R. Co., would furnish) to be deducted from Royalty.

In case you decline to rent, will you sell this mine, and at what price and upon what terms as to time of payments.

In case you decline both, then are you willing to put mine in order at once, and work it yourself?

You will excuse brevity of these questions, my only apology therefor consists in my anxiety to increase the traffic of this Road.

An early reply will oblige.

Yours respectfully,
R. S. Stevens

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

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