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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: J. F.. Barnard

KANSAS CITY, ST. JOSEPH & COUNCIL BLUFFS RAILROAD,
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE,

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. 25th Augt 187 5

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Gen'l Manager, H. & St. J. R.R. Co., Hannibal

Dear Sir:-

To enable the Union Stock Yard Co of St. Joseph to give all the Roads suitable accommodation & get a reasonable interest on their investment, it is necessary that some agreement should be had as to business to be done there. The H. & St. J. R.R. Co. is a stock holder, owning stock standing in the name of A. W. Lamb ~~one of the stockholders~~ of the Union Stock Yard Co.

An agreement was made last year, when Mr. Welles represented the H. & St. J. R.R. Co. stock as director of the Union Stock Yard Co. & was also the Gen'l Agent here of the H. & St. J. R.R. Co. that all stock should come to the Union Stock yards & private yards be closed, or that \$2 per car should be collected on all stock going to private yards & paid to the leasees of the Stockyard. This was afterwards withdrawn from by H. & St. Jo.

You will see that what the H. & St. J. R.R. Co. collects & pays this way, it gets back a stockholder in the shape of dividends more or less. The bulk of the payment is made from money collected by this Co. which does by far the largest business to the yard of all the Roads centering here.

Mr. Nettleton now says that he is in favor of an arrangement to deliver all live stock <?> the yards & thinks all Roads should agree to it. Will you agree that as to the H. & St. J. all stock coming to St. Joseph as its destination shall be delivered at the Union Stock yards & not elsewhere, or that \$2. per car shall be added to the freight collected & paid to the Union Stockyard leasees, to enable them to keep the yards in good working order & be efficiently managed, if other Companies using will do the same? Which do you prefer?

¹ FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

It would be better if the decision were that all stock should be delivered at the yard & not elsewhere in my judgment. Your Co. is doing the business of the St. J. & D. C. R.R. & should expect that any agreement <?> you made with regard to your own road would also apply to the business <?> for that Road, i.e., if they bring their stock across to St. Joseph, you would have <?> delivered, instead of delivering on the other side of the river at a yard of their <?> and deliver at yds. or collect & pay.

Yours Truly

J. F. Barnard

Gen'l Supt