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TO: B. F. Carver
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 2^d, 1875

B. F. Carver, Esq.
M. D., H. and St. Joe R.R. Co.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith an account — referred to me today by Mr. Lee, G. Supt. — for expenses incurred by our attorney, Mr. James Carr. As you will notice it dates back to October 28th, 1874, and is brought up to August 1st, 1875.

Nothing is more distasteful to me than passing judgement upon accounts of this character that have accrued before my connection with the Company.

I therefore refer this to you with the request that you advise me of what knowledge you have in the premises if any. It seems that Judge Carr's salary has been increased within the last year, and some arrangement made about paying his expenses. I do not know whether it was the intention to antedate this or not, and accordingly apply to you for information.

I have this to say, however, in regard to this allowance, that while I have great respect for Judge Carr, his integrity, ability and devotion to the interests of the Company, together with my entire willingness to pay the same according to agreement, I consider it a dangerous precedent to set and under some circumstances it would be impossible for me to adopt this as a rule in all cases.

Yours respectfully,

R. S. Stevens

General Manager

¹ FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. — 1875-1876."