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TO: E. P. Bancroft
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 14th, 1875

E. P. Bancroft, Esq.
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 11th at hand, and contents noted. It is almost impossible for me to name a day when I can meet you here, at least during the present month. Having been unable to devote much time, or attention to the affairs of the Company, on account of injuries rec'd in my first trip over the Road, it is extremely necessary, that every moment of my time should be devoted to examining and making myself familiar with the workings of the Road.

Further on, I shall be glad to meet you, and confer in reference to the matters in which your people are so much interested, however, it would be utterly impossible for any Company in this state, or any other, to obtain foreign capital to aid in building other roads. Those now built must first pay, before money can be procured to build additional ones.

Yours respect.

R. S. Stevens

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