TO: C. F. Bailey
FROM: H. H. Courtright

Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company.

Hannibal, Mo., Sept 27th, 1875

Chas. F. Bailey Esq
New York

Dr. Sir:-

Herewith I hand you papers in claims a/c Buck M&P & Co., Tootle C. & Co., and Nave McCord & Co., St. Joseph. In your memorandum of 16th inst. to Mr. Dural you say H. and St. Jo. will settle with G. W. D. Co. for the a/c claimed by them. We had no agreement of any kind whereby we were to settle for these claims or any others on the basis named by you and we cannot afford to pay the G. W. D. Co. a Commissions (sic) and settle these claims. Also. As an inducement for them to deliver freight to us. The amount of a/c claimed on the shipments for Tootle C. and Co. amounts to more than our net earnings on their shipments would be for a year if they gave us every pound of freight they shipped. If we begin by going back and paying the overcharges claimed on shipments for these particular parties we will have to do it for all and the result would be that we would have no earnings. The only way to do is to put a stop to the matter, when it begins and this I think best to do in these cases and must decline to entertain claims.

Yours &c.

H. H. Courtright

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Crosby, G.F.A.

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