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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: W. W. Fagan

HANNIBAL & ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD LINE.

Kas. City Dec 13th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Genl Mangr

Mr. Nelson (owner of land through which the trestle approach of Kas City Bridge is located) will not sell any ground adjoining our right of way unless purchaser agrees to excavate no holes on it. Mr. Nelson states that when right of way was granted it was with understanding that it was not to be filled but was to be left open as at present. I presume if such an agreement was made the deed will so state. He owns a strip of land adjoining River seven miles in length four miles above and three miles below Bridge. What can the Co. pay for Ferry privilege across same? I have been informed that streets of Harlem do not extend to river but only to East line of Mr. Nelson's land. If Co. owned Ferry privilege they could prevent Boats running in opposition to Bridge. I send Mr. Lee template of steel rail in use near Bridge. I will change the rails fast as possible.

Yours Truly,

W. W. Fagan
Div. Supt.

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