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**TO: R. S. Stevens**  
**FROM: James. W. Singleton**

Quincy October 27" 1875

Genl R. S. Stevens

My Dr Sir:-

I have just received your note in relation to the employment of Cole (*sic*) the Land Dept. I don't think I should know him from any other man if I were to meet him; he was recommended as a capable man, and I requested Mr. Drane to put him at work on the land list. I very soon after heard that Mr. Hilton had said I had no right to put him there, and that he should not remain. My only object in requesting Mr. Drane to put him to work was to force and the business committee to me - with not the ?utmost intention of making myself a party to the question of integrity which I understand exists between Mr. Hilton and himself.

Your letter gives me the first information I have received in regard to Mr. C's accounts - and if his services were longer necessary - I should not ask to have retained contrary to your wishes. I am informed by Mr. Wolcott that a very few days more with such assistance as the regular employees of the office can give, he will be able to place the list in the hands of the printer. I should prefer to have Mr. Wolcott remain until the list is printed and proof corrected. If you think otherwise, please say so.

I am very Truly,  
Jas. W. Singleton

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.