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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: J. F. Fitton

181 St. George's Road
Bolton, Lancashire
Nov. 23rd 1875

Col. R. S. Stevens
Dear Sir:-

You will no doubt be surprised to hear from this part Globe. My better half insists on my coming out again, but I understand things are dreadfully dull. She, however, desired I would write you asking if you thought you could give me some sort of a position when I came which will not be before Spring, as I cannot get my affairs settled here before. Lawyers in England are years before they begin to think of fixing matters, there are so many formalities and courts to be gone through. Even then I shall have to wait some time for final transfer. That however can be forwarded. I shall be glad to return. I never liked the English customs.

My wife cannot dispose of the property in Sedalia, neither would they remit me the Rents properly, so she determined to precede me and look after things.

I should not like to be without some employment and shall be glad to know if you think you will be able to offer me something to keep me out of mischief. We are having miserable weather - damp and cold. I was sorry to hear of the M. K. & T.'s distress.

Trade in England in flourishing. If you should not have time to write me here please send me news to Mrs. J. F. F. at Mrs. Huston's, Sedalia, and she will forward me your ideas. I have written this in haste to be in time for the morning's boat. Is there anything I can do for you in England.

I am Dear Sir Yours faithfully,
J. F. Fitton

¹FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.