TO: R. S. Stevens  
FROM: D. C. Brooks  

THE CHICAGO RAILWAY REVIEW,

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7th 1875

R. S. Stevens, Esq.
Dear Sir:-

The matter of a few hundred dollars in hand within two or three days will save some $3,000 to me. I wrote you some months ago (to which you replied) with reference to a sale of premises under Trust Deed. Mr. Joy, whom I happened to meet at the time, accommodated me to the money, the speculation being that it would be returned in 60 days. There were some (apparent) cloud on the title to the property, which I had of Smith in past consideration for the sale of the Review and of which I was not informed by them at that time. Under the circumstances I expressed a willingness to Mr. Joy that he should see the property and bid it in; and that would have it in a shape for me to pay the larger portion of the money on it, after paying him $800 or $1,000 which I thought I could raise elsewhere. This he has done; and at the sale today, the property was bid in for him. My wife has negotiated for an exchange of the house in which we live for unincumbered property, on which we can make a lien of $1,000; but in order to effect this some of $300 is needed (perhaps $400) to clear it of a collateral matter. Of this amount I have $100, and I am going to take the liberty to draw on you for $200. Of course, I impose nothing on you; I merely do this so that if you are so disposed I can get the money the sooner. If you cannot do it, and do not honor the draft, I shall have no other feeling than that of disappointment. I enclose a (?) (or I think I will put (?)) in the hope of a note which you will hold in (?) you accommodate me (?) which can be cancelled (?) other matters are closed.

Truly Yours,

D. C. Brooks

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