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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: J. B. Brown

CHICAGO PORTABLE TRACK & CAR CO.

MANUFACTURERS & LESSORS OF

Portable Railroad Track & Cars.

57 DEARBORN ST. *Chicago*

Dec'r 18, 187 5

R. S. Stevens, Esq.
Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 16th relating to the Osage County lands is at hand.

I do not wish to purchase lands that have an enhanced price attached to them on the account of coal, as I wish to use them only crops, and want good lands for that purpose. I desired also to get them as one body so they could be enclosed, but notice that yours are in alternate sections. If you think, however that you have lands that can be gotten sufficiently near together to be easily taken care of, I should like to have you send me a description of them and give me your views as to the price.

For a portion of the payment I wish to put in three houses in this city.

Yours,

J. B. Brown

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