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TO: <?> Hiatt
FROM: W. G. Melville

Lawrence [?Kansas; ?Texas], December 22, /75

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Dear Sir:-

Will you tell me by return of Mail whether Post is employed or not. It seems that Mr. S. is offended at my going to Ohio and relet his Depot. I did not care for the work but do not want to have him think that I intended slighting him or neglecting his work.

The facts are these: He sent me to Beaman to have the contract made. B. told me he had all he could do and no time to fool with my work, but if he had he would make it so tight I would be sick of it. I said all right, left him the papers and went down town. That night I asked him if they were done. He said No. Had I got them I would have left on the night train and began work the next day.

That night I spoke with Post of the letter I got from <?> and he was anxious to go with me at once. I told him I could not leave the St. Joseph Depot. The next day he came from the Office and said he had spoken to Mr. S. about <?> He advised us to go by all means at once. There was no time after that to see Mr. S., and I took it for granted he was satisfied and would be glad if we got the work.

<?> has been here yesterday and today. He said Mr. Stevens is very much dissatisfied <?> my proceedings but has given him a <?> the promise of a Division which I do not <?> for I think if he is dissatisfied with one of us, he is with both <?>. P. wanted a loan of <?> which I would not let him have for I knew he would never pay it and think he wanted it to go home with.

Tell me all you know about it by return of mail. Regards to Mrs. H., also Mrs. Nelson.

Very Truly Yours,
W. G. Melville

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