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**TO:** R. S. Stevens  
**FROM:** David B. Kimball<sup>2</sup>

Salem, [Mass.], Oct. 30, [18]75

My Dear Robert:-

Yours rec'd. I know the McCamants. They live next door to me. Hence have not got to make their acquaintance. They are agents of the Philadelphia and Reading <?> Coal Company. Came here from Pennsylvania and are pretty ?shrewd. Is there need for haste in this matter? If not, they would probably say something to me upon a suggestion from Craig to them advising them to see someone here and authorize him to go and act for them.

Their friends who own stock are probably in N.Y. or Penn. I will see and feel them.

In the mean time I wish you would write a little more explicitly just the course I'd better pursue and the end or means to the end which must be looked for to secure your appointment, so far as they are concerned.

I must <?> inquiring whether it would be a proper investment to make, &c.

All well at this time,

Very truly & affy yrs,

D.B.K.

I have a two or three weeks job ahead here, "making up the voyage" of a Criminal Court which has just adjourned, which cannot be postponed.

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.

<sup>2</sup>David B. Kimball was the Robert's brother-in-law, the husband of Robert's wife's next youngest sister, Harriet. David was an attorney. See the Stevens genealogy and family history, Volume 1, pages 37.67 ff.