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**TO: W. H. Neilson**

**FROM: R. S. Stevens**

Dec. 18", 1875

W. H. Neilson, Prest, &c.

Dear Sir:-

Since promising you the one hundred thousand dollars this month towards interest due January 1<sup>st</sup>, I discover that our original charter compels us to pay taxes upon a valuation rendered by the president of the Co.

This return has always been regularly made and taxes paid.

The amount to be paid, according to valuation rendered by president, Mr. Craig, is about twenty five thousand dollars, and must be paid on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>; unless it is, a heavy penalty will be added.

I shall send you ten thousand tomorrow and it may be possible that I shall not be able to send you more during this month. I regret this exceedingly, but taxes must be my excuse. It would not be safe to pass our payrolls. Everything else but that and the taxes, I shall try to slide over until next month.

Yours respect.

R. S. Stevens

G.M.

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<sup>1</sup>FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-76."