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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: G. A. Colton

WINDSOR HOTEL

Emporia, Kansas, Dec. 8th 187 5

Hon. R. S. Stevens

Dear Sir:-

I have been very busy in Mirick's business but was expecting to run over to Hannibal and see you. I foreclosed two of your Mortgages in Osage at the last term of Court and the sales were confirmed and Sheriff's deeds executed. I shall have two sales in Coffey County confirmed next week and deeds made. These will close up the last Mortgage that will probably need to be foreclosed.

I have this day paid your tax in Lyon Co. or half the half due Dec. 20th \$53.39. It is less than last year. The whole tax last year was \$122 - this year the whole tax is \$106.78. While I am around attending to Mirick's business it costs nothing to pay your taxes. I am trying to collect enough to pay the one half due the 20th. I did not know your intentions in the matter but I thought it would be safe to assume what I would do in my own affairs, commence and pay as far as I could and so as to save you as much expense as possible. I feel some in doubt as to whether this will reach you. I shall keep on paying as far as money will reach unless I get orders to the contrary, I shall be in Burlington next week.

Truly, etc.,

G. A. Colton

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