

In a letter written to me under date of March 21st 1873 you say "I am glad Mr. Denny did attend to payment of taxes & interest on my 1/2 of the house. The taxes of 1873 & 4 are ^{and being a holder of the same} unpaid, and as the law requires several notices to be shown ~~receipts of taxes~~ ^{the bills are not as regular as formerly} when unless I am directed you are to send them. As I find they would again be necessary, I send the bill of taxes to Mr. Denny, under the impression he was authorized to attend the same. Richard tells me he has no such authority from you, and my only resource is to apply to your quarters. My only reason for not ~~asking~~ ^{asking} to you by wire, was an unwillingness

to trouble you with ~~regarding~~ my affairs, which to me
are so important & ³ ~~amazing~~ I fear to you in your
more quiet & all absorbing trials. The liberty you have
given the friends of any thing concerning me gives
me courage to submit this and to your consideration,
as I ~~prefer~~ to ~~submit~~ ^{as} I fear delay may
cause another debate of farewell.