

Saint Louis July 6 1868

Mrs. Josephine Erwin

Dear Madam.

Your letter of 25th ulto, to Mrs Slaughter was duly received - Mrs is now & has been in Kentucky for three weeks past. I am expecting her home in the next ten days. I hear that second hand Pianos are selling at auction from \$200 to \$350 as to quality.

I have made inquiry in relation to tax law of Missouri, and find that the Legislature passed an infamous law, which leads to great swindling. From all I can learn you have until 1st Nov next to redeem your lands if they have been sold for taxes, by paying costs & 15% etc. I would advise you to pay the taxes at once & relieve your lands of all encumbrances.

Mr Johnson no doubt can give you all the necessary information in the premises, as he no doubt has the law in his library. You can safely rely on what he tells you. He can also tell you who will be the proper one to receive the money.

Judge Woods of our City thinks that the results of Haden or Williams will be go, though Mr Chrissan being in the County, can advise you more

Parsons also for taxes & redemptions according to law. He offers to purchase your title