Lafayette Hotel May 4, 1882

Hill to Col. Wm. Bates, Southern Hotel, St. Louis

Hotel is being rapidly put up now but the season will be short owing to its otherwise incomplete condition. Next year, however, it will be all finished and ready to open up in good season and then I shall be glad to receive a proposition from you to keep the hotel

JJH LetterBook, 9/24/79 - 7/20/82, p. 453