THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, (CENTRAL OFFICE, 53 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK,) has been working twenty-two years for the African race. Since the beginning of the Rebellion it has turned special attention to the Freedmen. Whatever a wise Christian benevolence prompts in their behalf, by way of Common Schools, Normal Schools, Orphan Homes, Relief for the suffering, and direct religious effort, the Association undertakes, to the full extent of the means furnished by the friends of the colored people. The Teachers and Missionaries last year numbered over 500.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,
(CENTRAL OFFICE, 53 JOHN STREET, N. Y.)

Mission Home, Apr 19 1869
Galveston

Mr.
Jno O Stevenson
Port Lavaca
Texas

Dear Brother

On first coming to Galveston I had some expectation of visiting you. Indeed want to for us to plan a tour from Austin to San Antonio & thence to your place on Redonda - but I came back from Austin and find I have no more time for Texas this season. I have read your last letter to Miss Barnes with much interest - Am glad you are teaching singing.

My visit to Rev. Reynolds was satisfactory - I am still an Officer of the Bureau as

well as of the Association receiving my pay from the former only - but this I expect will end by July 1st if not before.

I have laid out a much larger O. M. A. work for this State to begin next October.

If we get the School house completed here I have thought of asking you to come here with two lady assistants and possibly with some jurisdiction of other schools. In that case what would be the prospects for a teacher in Lavacca - Do you know of any one there who would keep up the school? Is there any hopes of a church being organized there. I would like to have you ordained as a minister while you on

North this Summer and trust you may build up a church here. Though we would not mention this project for some time yet & perhaps never. We never wish to introduce any disturbing element unless to accomplish some great good not otherwise attainable.

I see no objection to your going to N. Y. direct & thence to Portland if you still think it best. I would like to know more about your field & Indianola - Please write me at Chicago 29 Lombard Block. You can address Bro. Sabin as Ass't Treas. until you hear from the new appointee - probably Maj. S. N. Clark. I addressed the people here and at Houston & find the teachers eminently successful - Fraternally C. H. Howard

P.S. It does not matter about my title though as long as I remain in the service I am styled General in orders. Perhaps it would be better to get in the habit of Mr. again as I do soon return to it

L. H. H.

No longer any Government transportation - The expense of which must come from A. M. A. Treasury