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J. O. Stevenson, Galveston, Texas —

Dear Stevenson: I have signed the deed & forwarded to N. Y. for their information & other action suggested by Mr Sherwood — It would have been as well to have deeded in simplest form the lot to "A. M. A. incorporated in State of New York."

We will reappoint to Colored Trustees — Please name one for A. M. E. Ch if there was none — also write me the Church Connection of each of those old ones as I have no record — We need only one from each Denomination & ought to have some white men there that we, also, can rely on — If you remain & Dr. Howard I think

it would be well to have one or two more reliable friends of A.M.A. who reside in Texas.

I am sorry we cannot agree to pay a single penny towards fence or building just now but may be able by & by - Try Maj L. W. Thompson or the Colored people to do get the fence up at some rate - But we are just struggling to pay teachers off now - You will appreciate our want I am certain & know our will is good. Miss Williams was to remain two years I believe - Cant she get a school in the interior to pay expenses & give her up country air for a few months? We judge so from the loud call for teachers - If incorporated by a State A.M.A. must be able to hold property anywhere I suppose? - My regards to Mrs. R. & other friends - Yrs C. H. Howard