STATE OF TEXAS.

House of Representatives,

Austin, June 8th, 1870.

Mr J. O. Stevenson
Galveston Texas,
Dear Sir,

In a letter from yourself to Mr. L. H. Stevenson you remark that "feeling runs high" "against Sinclair". I suppose you mean because of my support — as they seem to prejudge — of the wharf R. R. bill.

Now Stevenson I do not know whether you have lent yourself to this matter or not. If you have I wish to call your attention to the hasty manner in which you have pronounced judgment and the injustice you have permitted to be done me.

As I infer from your letter I am prejudged "Feeling runs high against Sinclair". You say, Why I ask, Do I support the bill. You nor any person in Galveston has a right to say or presume I do for never by act or word have I indicated that I did. The introducing of a bill by a member

does not necessarily involve his support of it and as it happens in this particular instance I expressly stated to Mr McKee – for whom I presented the bill – that my presenting it would not involve my support of it, for it was a matter in which I was not prepared to act.

I think simple justice would dictate that you should be sure of the grounds you are taking when you take your Representatives to task as you did Major Pennley at the provisional Session and myself at this. I am willing to be judged by my acts but demand that you and other gentlemen who read the Central & a great extent the sentiment of the Colored people should weigh our acts and do us justice before you condemn us.

Yours Truly

Wm H. Sinclair