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John D. Stevenson
Galveston Texas

Dear Bro:

Mr. Whipple has just returned to me instead of to the Attorneys the deed of the Galveston property - No further acknowledgement of Trustees is thought necessary as the Deed shows the property goes to the A.M.A. who has appointed the Trustees. I notice that the attys asked for my acknowledgement to be before a Court of record - But not having observed this at first I do not think it best to delay now - Especially as I am one of the Officers of the A.M.A. Let the

other signatures be duly acknowledged there and the deed recorded and there can be no doubt as to its validity.

Please attend particularly to those resident in Galveston & have the record made as soon as you can.

As to the new names you sent - you can act as Agent of A. M. A. & write a note to each of them, (if you are convinced they had better be added or substituted for any deceased) notifying them on behalf of the A. M. A. that they are appointed trustees with the others (naming them for the information of the new ones) to be a Local Board of Trustees to regulate the proper use of the property and ad-

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vise with the Officers of the A.M.A. as to the best methods of conducting the school and to visit in all cooperation with the City or State School authorities — Your letter to constitute their Credential of Office — Notify me of your action —

Also give me the news as to present situation of the school & of matters generally in Texas.

What is your plan for the Summer? If you could do a paying school & other cooperation in Central Texas for a few (say three) months to come

our treasury & benefit
your health by a cheap
residence to the high
land we would like it —
so with all the teachers
remaining — Maj. Clark
is very ill — Let me hear
soon — Truly yours
C H Howard