A.M.A. 204 W. Madison Room 18
Chicago Oct 17. 1871

Mr J. O. Stevenson
Galveston Tex

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst is rec'd

We cannot understand why the $30 was not in the letter of the 25th. Miss Nichols letter was sent before that date. The fire has swallowed up our office with all records, and the safe is yet unopened. The state of its contents is unknown. We cannot verify the remittance of $30. The banks are not in working order and our deposits with one of them are doubtful. We cannot get at any money for the present. What effect will the Democratic victory have upon the school law and pay of teachers'.

If another man should be put into your post and you employed elsewhere, would the substitute be able to get state pay?

I think we answered yours of 4th saying that deeds were if in our safe in doubtful condition

Yours truly
C. H. Howard Sec
per J. M. Phelps

P. S. You allude to staying proceedings in the case of ejection from Barnes Institute of the school authorities. We do not understand why you make the suggestion. We cannot judge of the prospective of the case at this distance. But if you on conference with the Trustees deem it best to stay proceedings and to allow the authorities to occupy the building, we have the reason at this point of according to such a decision, created by our loss. The fire has greatly crippled us, and we must curtail expenses at every point. But the stay of proceedings must be upon the condition that the payment of $67.50 per month rent is made sure

Yours &c

C. H. Howard Jr. &c

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