no answer required as Sam Senator Ruby in person

Twelfth Legislature, State of Texas,

SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, March 22nd 1871.

J. C. Stevenson Esq
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Dear Sir:-

Col. Sinclair in his communication relative to your application for the Superintendency of Education has erred somewhat in his written statement to you about our endorsement. The fact is that Senator Pettitt one of our Republican members is crazy on the subject of the nomination - We cannot lose him from this body and the Governor from our situation in this regard will not appoint him, but so peculiarly anxious is Mr Pettit that if he saw the recommendation of myself for some one else he would deem it a personal matter and soreness would arise now before the passage of the School bill that might defeat the enactment of a good bill. It was therefor important in a material sense that for the present no more should be made that would seem to Pettit prejudicial to [illegible]

to-day and make this statement as a reason why it was not done heretofore.
I am in conclusion free to add that on the matter of Superintendent I have desired to leave the Governor unhampered in his choice of parties recommended for the place. And more than this having to confirm his choice I deemed it better so to do.

Truly yours
J. T. Ruby