Twelfth Legislature State of Texas,

SENATE CHAMBER,

Austin, April 27 1871.

Mrs. Julia. B. Nelson.

Columbus.

Dear Madam.

Enclosed I send you some Copies of the new Schoollaw which is now a law with request to distribute same among the old people.

The other act which I sent you sometime ago met with a great deal of opposition on account of being to voluminous etc.

The present Bill is plain but deemed sufficient to lay the foundation. All minor points will be left to the directions of the Board of Education Supt. and Supervisors. The system will be put in operation right after adjournment The Supt. will I think not be appointed until the legislature has adjourned. Soon after the Supervisors will also be appointed.

Today we appropriated 50.000^{00} for the payment of Salaries of the teachers and Sup:

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for the fractional part of the fiscal year ending the last of August.
We also appropriated $450.000.00 of the scho & Gov'd for the same purposes, for the year commencing Sept. 1st 1871.
I have no idea who will be the Supt. the Governor is very silent on that point. His motive in not making the appointment till after adjournment, is evidently for the purpose of giving him a fair trial. In case he should not turn out well, of course the Governor would not recommend his confirmation by the Senate at the next session.
I hope that you will remain with us by all means, I shall do every thing possible to make your situation agreeable.
And I hope that your friend Miss. Green will also conclude to accept of a situation as teacher under the new order of things.
With respects to all enquiring friends
I am

Yours Respectfully
R. Sundick