Pacific Railroad, (of Missouri.)
Passenger Department.

R. P. Studley & Co. St. Louis.

St Louis – May 9 1871

Dear Stevenson

Inclosed find bill of lading Miss Nichols trunk by freight from here – Please pay charges if delivered safe – It came too late to go with Mr. Cobb – That would have saved freight to Vicksburg – I trust you are flourishing in school & out – I have chance to get lightning rods by advertising in our paper – & perhaps can have some cash from the party if you can act somewhat as an Advertising Agent – or can get some one to do so for them – Please state how many feet you wish for the new building – Will the people pay for some for Houston School House? This is a new and improved

kind of Rod manufactured by a friend of C. M. A. (who donates $400 a year) — They make it in 10 feet joints & longer if desired — Do you know of any one who would like to act as an Agent progressively in Texas — I see you are to have an Election in August — Will Maj. Stevenson get the nomination for Congress — or if not, will he be Elected? — Let me hear from you at Chicago —

Yours ever

C. H. Howard

P.S. My regards to all at the house — Please give us the No. & Street of the house — C. H. H.