OFFICE OF

Superintendent of Public Instruction,

State of Texas.

Austin, June 27th 1871.

J. C. Stevenson Esq.

Galveston Tex.

Dear Sir

I have received your Maj: Smith your Commission as Trustee of the 5th Jud. Dist. and your letter of the 19th inst. declining the appointment.

Your appointment was made under peculiar circumstances, and with a view of what you might accomplish hereafter in that section and locality. I have given my views upon this matter privately to Maj. Elias Smith, you can see him if you so desire, and ask him to repeat my conversation to you as far as it concerns you. I will hold this position open for you any for one week, so as to give time to hear from you again.

I am Very truly Yours J. M. DeGress