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Chicago, Aug 21 1871

Maj. W. H. Sinclair
Galveston Texas

Dear friend: In seeking for some one in behalf of our Trustees of "Barnes Institute" who will arrange the renting of the property to the School Board I have thought of you as the person who would be sure to see to our interests. I believe you are still one of the Trustees and I am confident you are friendly to our Association. I have word from F. C. Mosebach, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Public Schools saying they would pay us $70 per month (for one year beginning Sept 1st 1871) for use of the property including, Maps, Globes, Charts &c. I will answer that we accept these terms and if you can spare the time to see the Contract properly made & signed, conferring with our Trustees also, it will be a valuable service. Mr. Mosebach suggests that I make Hon. G. T. Ruby our agent there but as I do not

P.S. The renting of the house is upon the understanding with Col. De Green (& Hope Supervisor Griffin from whom I have not yet heard) that our teachers shall be employed there as well as and as well as any and.

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know Mr. Ruby & fear he would hardly have time for it and especially as he is not a member of our Board of Trustees I have thought best to apply to you — I have no doubt that J. O. Stevenson could, on his return attend to the business but as I have nominated him for Principal and as there are so many local predilections and jealousies I have thought it best, if you would consent at least to superintend the matter to ask you to do so. I must have and your good lady are well — Wish I might have seen you while North. Permit me to congratulate you on your election to the position of so much responsibility in the Legislature. — You will be passing for time on your return — but if you will see Mr. Morefach and tell him that you represent me & the A. M. A. as well as the Local Trustees, it will be all you need to do save to advise J. O. Stevenson the best course

I am Very Sincerely Yours

C. H. Howard

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