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Mr. J. O. Stevenson

Dear Bro: I got letters from Col. Sinclair & from Mr. Ruby yesterday & yours of 8th to-day — Of course one utterly surprised at the course taken by the School authorities. Mr. Ruby ascribes your rejection impliedly to your want of "order & tact" — but of course I know what the reason is — from your description of your interview with C. — I have written to Ruby that the rejection of our teachers was a violation of the agreement with me but have not fully indicated what I will do — I have today written to Col. Sinclair that I desire him to confer with the other Trustees & if they agree in my views, to refuse the house to the authorities unless they will reestablish our teachers — Then the question is whether to open our own School with tuition as before or to withdraw altogether from Galveston at present. Little good comes from quarrelling — and would not Ruby & Co. make our boy School almost a failure — I am willing to abide by a decision of the Trustees. But on the

other hand if there is a disposition to concession by the School Authorities & Supervisor through the influence of Col. Sinclair & Col De Gress - I am willing to send a man to relieve you at Galveston & send you to Columbus, Miss. or to some other place in Texas if you prefer - But in that case you ought to be put in to organize I think & keep the school in motion until a new principal shall arrive - However I much prefer you should remain in that school - if practicable - I shall be anxious to get the views of the Trustees - It is hardly safe for me to dictate at this distance - I showed no disposition to do so in my letters to Supervisor Griffing - Col. De Gress proposed the cooperation & the employment of our teachers. I telegraphed him of your rejection & said "Will you correct this wrong?" - I have no answer as yet from him - Hoping to hear from you soon again & that Providence will help us out of our trouble I remain

Yours truly C. H. Howard
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P.S. The Trustees cannot blame me as I have only acted as I am sure they would have me & as you yourself advised -