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Chicago, Sept 20 1871

J. O. Stevenson
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Dear friend: From the letter of Capt Griffin Supervisor received today with yours of 15th (two – one with telegram from Sinclair) I see there is no chance that the Board will take our teachers, I therefore cannot assent to their occupying the house. Please request our Trustees to take possession of the house to the exclusion of every body until Oct 2nd when you & the ladies there may open – Perhaps you will not need more teachers at present – Do you still hold your Clerkship? If not I will have to assume your full salary. If the School is small, perhaps ladies could run it & you be spared for Columbus, Miss. where we can get help towards your salary from local fund in charge of a friendly County Supt. If the Hosts could return to you, you would have a good blazer for the Melodeon – But at present you would need to remain to restore confidence – Truly Yours

C. H. Howard

P.S. I have today written to De Gress & Griffin refusing the lease

P.S. You may have to use force of law on behalf of this Association & the Trustees. But Sinclair wrote that the lease was conditional on my assent – C.H.H.