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Galveston Texas Sept 5. 1871

Mr Chas Howard
Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st August and have been trying to arrange the matters therein referred to. Mr Griffin informs me that only one of your teachers have as yet applied to him for examination or appointment as teacher. Miss Nichols I believe is her name. Regarding the renting the house on the conditions named in your letter that your teachers and all you send be employed I apprehend no difficulty save as regards Mr Stevenson. For some reason unknown to me Mr Griffin the superintendent objects to him I believe the reasons are political. School was commenced in the house on yesterday but with poor attendance. The supt attributes it to secret work of Mr Stevenson among the colored people. Mr Stevenson informs me that such is not the case and will gladly step out of the way for the sake of harmony. I have permitted the school to open as Col. DeGress was

extremely anxious to open as many as possible on the day appointed for the beginning of the school year under the new system. We have had great difficulty in getting houses owing to the want of confidence among the people regarding the payment of rent and because the mass of the people have little disposition to assist in making a success anything inaugurated by a Republican administration.

The condition of Mr Griffin using the house (Barnes Institute) is that in case it was not satisfactory to you the lease should be annulled on your demand. I could do no better than this in view of the many conflicting interests and jealousies.

The lease will be prepared today.

Yours truly

Wm H. Lindsay

A true Copy

C. H. Howard

Secretary W.M.A.