



Office Superintendent of Education,  
Refugees and Freedmen, State of Texas,

Galveston, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1867.

John. O. Stevenson Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your two letters

bearing date May 13<sup>th</sup> have reached <sup>me</sup> though  
delayed.

I am sorry that Swanston  
has succeeded in causing both of us some  
annoyance, but for the future I have him  
well earmarked; he has left Galveston in some  
haste.

You can have whatever time is necessary to  
dispose of the books, slates &c sent by deception  
on the part of that precious scamp.

At present I am entirely out of primers & prim, ariths.  
No pencil bibles; Lt Fitch has plenty of blank paper  
I also enclose some direct to you.

Did you receive the illustrated papers I sent you  
Can Lt Fitch? When ~~the~~ discontented in your  
town do aught "out of the common", I will be  
obliged for the particulars, as I keep a record.

Let me hear from you soon, believe me always ready to assist you.  
Very Respectfully,  
Edw. M. Phelps