Huntsville 8 Nov 1864

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Dr Sir

Ye favr 4th just is this day to hand & contents noted - We have wrote a note to [[Doete?]] S. Carr who surveyed the Wiley tract land & also who is our assesser to call upon us when he comes to Texas & do us the favr to give description of said land. When we receive it will forwd. to you he comes to town generally once or twice pr week (If we do not send in 10 or 15 days please again remind us)

Thos. A. Gary was in town 2 or 3 days since, he resides 8 miles of Town, address him at Huntsville & he will doubtless receive it in 3 or 4 days after it reaches here he gets his letters & papers out of this office - Yes & T. S. Gibbs [[Doete?]] Gibbs has sent off & made inquiry of different person to if possible procure the full blood Gray hounds, he thinks he can obtain them for you. I retd. from Houston Co with my family, a few weeks since, was there 5 or 6 weeks It is quite a pleasant country. - When you write let me know what I can purchase old isseu at for gold & if you think advisable

to [[purchase?]] now or wait till next month, we need a good deal for Taxes, I am opinion our own taxes & perhaps most person taxs will run up larger than was first anticipated

Very Resp. T. Gibbs