

Houston July 19. 1866

Mr Wm. Rice  
New York,

Dear Sir,

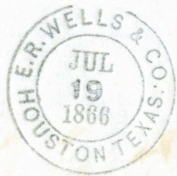
By request of Mr. W. W. Brewster, deputy collector of Int. Revenue we beg to ask you for information, as to whether the \$600<sup>00</sup> Income in 1864, are specie or currency, also \$7677<sup>50</sup> Income in 1865, are specie or currency, since, if they are payable in kind, that is to say, if Rents &c are paid in coin, the Int. Rev. Tax is payable in coin or its equivalent in currency -

Since the payment of the Taxes has been deferred for want of this information, we would be pleased to get an immediate answer -

Yours friends

E. R. Wells & Co

We have not heard from you yet. -



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