

Friend Rice

Houston July 10 1866

I hope in this that you have landed in the city of N.Y. right side up with Case, I would have written to you before this if anything had transpired worth communicating business very quiet, we have got along very well with Girders House wood work complete will finish plastering in a few days Ben is now working on the annex at the Store Mr Toft has left Texas for good and Mr Harper is appointed in his place, and he says that this office will soon be a distributing office and that he wishes the room enlarged about 8 or 10 feet more I however will give I would submit the Case for your consideration

We received a letter from Fannie a few days since announcing her arrival in Bell Co. & informing us that brother Charlie had chills every day while travelling and that

wound up with a Congestive Chill after
he arrived home and was very
Sick, Fred has not been in since
you left, I have sent one of the
offices to Mr J A Bryan, until you
return I have also a tenant in
Forns House, Now you will please
find a Memorandum, to fill for
various parties, as you will see
Helen & Remond are now saving
up their money for the purpose of
buying a Silver cup for one of
E M Stockpols children, for their name
therefore they request me to say to
you that they wish you to
purchase a Silver cup worth
about \$15⁰⁰ Curran and have
engraved. ~~on~~ it as follows -

Helen, Remond Stockpole,
This I suppose might be
considered quite a long name
Helen's comes next in order
She would like if you would
purchase say 12 yds of plain 13th
Silk wide and if narrow 15 yds
also 2 for of dark ~~kid~~ gloves
No 6 1/2 for her

Next comes Francis's request, she would
like if you would purchase for her
12 yds of Mourning Silk that is
without any luster if narrow 15 yds
and ~~after~~ on your return home
I will foot the bill for all
Enclosed please find a memorandum
of the Sizes of the ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~finds~~ ~~and~~
and the Dows & et I am in
hopes to hear from you soon
Children send love and are
dying to know when you will
be home, Henriette wishes to
be remembered, your truly
J. F. Ormoy

P.S. Wm Ben wishes you
to purchase for him 2 double
barrel shot guns worth \$10.00 or
specie each, and says he will
settle for them or there arrived
Mr P. Belmont thinks he will
leave here about the 20th
for New York