

New Orleans 14 May 1867

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Sir  
Messrs. E. A.

Wells & Co of yr city again address us on the subject of the lost bill on Ober & Strater & Co for \$98<sup>00</sup> accompanying their letter with an affidavit, & requesting us to place the amt, if collected, to yr credit.

The Drawees are prepared to pay the amt upon our guaranteeing them secure against all future liability, and should you authorize us to do so, please send us a formal document holding us harmless in the premises, upon receipt of which we hope to collect the amt to yr credit.

Your Friends  
Jas Connolly & Co  
Per  
Alex Goodridge