

October 14, 1937

Capt. Geo. F. Cook,
Chevalier Corporation,
Ingram Building,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Captain Cook:-

It has been brought to my attention from a number of people that certain parties to whom we have contracted to sell land has, or has attempted to give oil leases on this land although they have not received title therefor.

Would it not be a good idea for us to notify those who have contracted to purchase land from the Chevalier Corporation that they are not authorized to give an oil lease covering their purchase unless they should state in the oil lease the fact that they owe us a stipulated sum of money as a balance on the purchase price on the land.

I think now would be a good time to write a strong letter to those who are in arrears in payments on contracts inasmuch as we might bring in an oil well at any time now, and we desire them to complete their payments and take title or pay up any over due payments.

Referring to oil leases. As a matter of fact I have never signed any oil lease to any one except to Conrad Meyer, and of course I know of the lease executed to P. E. Tichenor, a portion of this lease being now held by the Miami Oil & Natural Gas Company, and with these two exceptions I know of no other leases on our tract of land, but various people are showing maps claiming to hold a lease on large acreage on our tract. I think this is working a great injury to the Miami Oil & Natural Gas Company as well as to the Chevalier Corporation.

As I understand it our arrangement with Mr. Claude L. Freedland, was that we merely promised to let him hold lease in trust for our Company for the purpose of inserting in our contracts or deeds a reservation of one-eighth royalty. We of course could not have made this stick unless it be handled by a third party, and the suggestion was that Mr. Freedland act for us in this matter.

I desire very much to clarify this situation at this time as it might be rather difficult to do so if the Miami Oil & Natural Gas Company brought in an oil or gas well.

I know I have made rather a large order in the above but I wanted to make the subject a matter of record at this time and I know you will appreciate every point that I have intended to cover.

Personal regards.

Yours very truly,

President
Chevalier Corporation.

JFJ/DA.