

Fort Myers Florida
January 4th 1934.

Mr. W. H. Cralle
Washington D. C.

My Dear Mr. Cralle:-

Just after writing you I came up to Fort Myers in the interest of the proposed Airport at Ochopee, have been delayed here on the no arrival of the Department of Commerce's representative.

Have talked the situation of our application for loan from Government for sugar cane plantation over with Colonel Lynn, there is nothing which I can add to what I have already written you.

Colonel Lynn showed me a letter which he received in the last mail which is in substance just what you had written me as it related to the plantation application for loan.

I cant see any reason to give or aid that I might be to you as the matters stand.

Fully realize that our proposition must be removed from the usual one of an effort to borrow money to pay debts; further that there are laws governing the loaning of Government moneys, and that no one has the right nor the authority to change these laws and rules; my hope is that a new rule can be made by someone who has that authority to put us in a class by ourselves but of course giving others the same right under the same conditions and representations and presentations of facts.

Please stress the fact that sugar is a STAPLE commodity which the United States uses but PRODUCES only with its possessions 17% of its consumption and BUYS 83% of its consumption----no such parallel in any other STAPLE----

As a matter of fact it takes about five million men or more to produce our sugar shortage (in foreign countries), which is about the number now UN-EMPLOYED in the sugar producing area of the United States.

Please also impress that were every acre of land in Florida and other sugar cane producing areas of the United States which is ACTUALLY adapted to sugar production were planted we would nor could not approach the demand or consumption of sugar in the United States.

No doubt you will have written me to Ochopee, I will return there tonight and will answer fully.

Personal regards in which Colonel Lynn joins me, I am.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Jardon.