

Ochopee Florida
February 8th 1934.

Colonel Geo.R.Lynn
Fort Myers Florida.

My Dear Colonel Lynn:-

Your letters of 4th and 7th received; have been expecting to hear further from Mr. Cralle' but in his last letter to me on 1st inst he seemed to be rather disappointed, said he would return to Florida unless I had something to suggest; having nothing I did not wire him as he requested, and I really expected to hear from him at Fort Myers or Miami.

Relative to Washington--I have always feared that the sugar interest would find a way to make it hard for us or any one else that desired financing as they have so many million dollars invested in Cuba and the West Indies, also Mexico, Hawaii, the Philippines, Jaffa and other sugar producing areas that they FEAR in capital letters FLORIDA.

Of course if Government does not finance me and us the thing to do is just keep "jogging along" just as Dallberg did and "show them up"---We can not afford to antagonize GOVERNMENT just now, we dare not say one half of what we know. The LAW does not permit any Department to establish maintain, keep going any sugar industry whether it is a going concern such as ours or a new enterprise, as it will "show them up".

The fact remains that---

- First--The best sugar engineers in the world say we have the best sugar lands in the world etc.etc.,. Climate, Transportation etc etc.
- Second--We are growing superior sugar cane to West Indies at no more cost than it costs them.
- Third---We have a differential of over two cents per pound over any foreign production.
- Fourth--We simply need capital to continue our operations.

So glad that your friend is ready to "talk turkey", we can make him or them more money on a minimum investment than any similar expenditure on earth.

Yes we should meet him quickly, he or they should ride down here at once, see our sugar cane, our tomato crops, our lands, and "get busy" with our seed cane and other necessary operations. Mr. Cralle' should surely be with them. I am going to Miami Friday, will return here Saturday about noon -not later than four P.M. 10th inst.

A delay of thirty or sixty days means postponement of erecting sugar mill or distillery a year or more.

Successive loans or advances (as the money is spent) is more than satisfactory, but action is what we must have .if we dont get action quick my associates and myself must of a necessity accept small loans on individual acreages and "carry on" in a small manner, although we all know the Administration plan the best.

Will await a letter from you Saturday advising when you will be down here with your people.

Personal regards-----Yours truly,