

Ochopee Florida
December 14th 1933.

Mr. W. H. Cralle
Fort Myers Fla.

Dear Mr. Cralle:-

Yours lth before me, of course the first consideration must be that you nor any one unnecessarily sacrifice their health and life, and if you are not physically able to make the trip and undertake at this time or for that matter at any time I would most certainly be the last one to blame you, more particularly for the reason that in now being able to assemble my present knowledge, data, facts, and information, together with my present plantation operations that I followed a course of entirely disregarding my own health and welfare in consequence of which my health is now broken and I personally fear even a trip to Washington which I believe so very necessary now.

While I quite agree with you that the Administration will devote a great deal of time between now and the convening of Congress to clearly defining their accomplishments since President Roosevelt assumed office, but the fact remains that a part of such presentations will and must be just what they have in mind in doing in the immediate future, and just what will be accomplished by "carrying on".

Naturally it will not take much time for the presentation of the application for financing, its merits can and no doubt will be very quickly approved or dis-approved, if the former of equal necessity the entire file will be referred immediately to an individual or Board for verification as to the facts and representations contained there-in, THIS is what will take the TIME and care; I have no doubt but that the application for loan WILL be granted, subject however to such approval, and the real expenditure of both time and money will be made by you and Colonel Lynn in convincing such a person or Board that I and my associates have presented a sound proposition, and a needed expenditure, that it will actually produce the results which is set up as facts.

For the purpose of keeping the files intact as forwarded you I am enclosing a personal letter and also a "To Whom It May Concern" letter from Honorable W. V. Knott, Treasurer of Florida; naturally I am more than proud of his unqualified statements and endorsement of me, my accomplishments, and the immediate undertaking, please attach same in its proper order in the presentation.

I really think that Colonel Lynn does not appreciate fully just the immense expenditure of time and money I have spent in the past fifteen years in having developed my holdings and the proposition generally, nor do I think that he has realized that it is going to cost you and he a very large sum of money to accomplish and conclude your undertaking, its going to be and is more than letter writing; I realize as I know you fully understand that it is more than a trip to Washington.

The quicker the application is made, the sooner the matter is approved (for approved it will surely be) and the earlier it passes into the hands of Governmental agencies for investigation the better for us all; I of a necessity am daily cutting seed cane and grinding it into syrup which should go into the ground to carry out the plan, if this is delayed too long it will result in postponing operations for a whole year; the tomato and vegetable crops are showing fine results and are daily moving to market by the car load; during these dry periods it is easy for