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MIAMI, FLORIDA

PHONE 8651

Everglades Florida, Aug 3rd 1932.

Mr. W. B. Thomas,  
West Union Iowa.

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

Have not written for the reason that in spite of the distressing situation down here it seemed and for that matter still seems possible for me to make good to you with a substantial payment and a definite and sure arrangement for payment of the ballance.

I fully appreciate you and your associates position and need of money; if it were possible without a foreclosure for me to transfer this property back to you so that you could from any other source raise money on same I would be agreeable.

For two years I have "turned my back on civilization" and have lived out here in the woods with but one idea and aim--TO PAY YOU---. The first year the crops were a complete failure; last season they were a success from standpoint of production and quality but on account of the financial conditions over the country the selling prices were so low that it delayed the formation and perfecting of the land holding company to take over the land as outlined and planned, I have not abandoned this plan, but if you have a quicker way to realize money on the land then I will give you every aid and co-operation.

As I have, and now realize the situation, there is but one way to work this proposition out, and that is to create and show the value and utility of this land, or enough of it to pay out their and my obligation to you; with this aim and idea I sold everything I owned at Miami--my furniture, personal belongings, etc, etc, and with my wife (who is in full accord with me) moved out here in a "shack" have worked as few men have ever worked to SHOW just what can be done on the lands; last spring together with Colonel Geo. R. Lynn we had the land Company financed through Mr. Oliver of Chicago, who was to take up your mortgage, but fate or something stepped in again and Mr. Oliver has been in the hospital for past four months, has lost the sight of one eye and will likely loose the other; still they insist that they can and will make good just as soon as good title can be conveyed; with this assurance I have had a transcript of your mortgage and deed to me delivered to Mr. Paul C. Taylor have had an abstract of the property prepared, have had Colonel Lynn agree that foreclosure in United States Court can be made in his name and that when papers in proper order are made that payment will be made to you; in any event foreclosure must be made and Mr. Taylor will start same with no expense to you, no matter what the results.



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For fear that Mr. Oliver and associates could not or would not perform I have had some of the purchasers of lands which have been released from the operation of the mortgage plant sugar cane on their hands, hoping to get sugar interests interested; the sugar cane has made satisfactory growth; last month I went to Cuba to inspect their sugar cane and compare it with that growing here, and to try and get some of their growers to come over here and grow sugar cane ( as you know there is a duty of over two cents per pound on Cuban sugar); I found that we can no doubt grow sugar here just as cheap as they can in Cuba, and thus we could get two cents or better more per pound than Cuban grown sugar, but there is no money in Cuba no matter how good or attractive the proposition might look, however my conferances with Mess. Mora and Mendoza have led to ~~negotiations~~ investigations being made now which might result in complete financing.

In this connection I have had conferances with sugar interest now planting sugar cane in Florida to the end that they will take over these lands in connection with their other plantings; this may result in satisfactory financing.

You understand that for the next two months or more we have to go through our storm period, equinoxial gales etc, etc, but I will be on the job at all times; the only reason I am writing you so fully is to assure you that I have not as yet given up all hope, am trying to make good, will co-operate with you if you have any plan or plans which will produce you money quicker or surer than my plans; I am not quite ready for that four by six plant which we all will sooner or later occupy.

Mr. Taylor will start the suit in foreclosure in United States Court in the name of Colonel Geo. R. Lynn just as soon as he has all the necessary papers, and Colonel Lynn, his associates assure me that they can and will satisfy you financially in taking over the assignment of mortgage, but dont let that stop you from carrying out any plan you may definately have to raise finances on this land for I fully and more than fully appreciate financial conditions now.

With highest personal regards, I am,

Truly and sincerely yours,

J. F. Jaudon.