

THE DEEP LAKE COMPANY

EVERGLADE, FLORIDA

(LEE COUNTY)

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Capt. J. F. Jaudon, Vice President.
The DeepLake Company,
Hotel Bradford,
Fort Myers, Fla.

My dear Captain:-

With reference to your favor of the 8th inst, relative to your property left here at Everglade, I will answer the last paragraph of your letter first,. I would say that I am not a good judge of the value of all the materials, tools, fixtures, etc, which were left here, second hand, and if you can make a deal with Mr.Collier without calling on me, I will appreciate your so doing,.

As I recall it and I think if you look up your files you will find such to be the case, all the property which we understood, went with the County Outfit was put in the House Boat and same was checked over by Messrs Bozeman and Tharp. Later on Sam Thompson told me that you had offered the House Boat to him as a place to live until housing conditions became adequate here. The County Boat, Capt Storter told me you gave to him to use, in bringing in his Cane Crop. Your Office Furniture was carefully stored in the Rod and Gun Club Office, as Mr.Schick had talked to you about buying same. Mr. Bozeman's jars of jelly were turned over to Bruce Storter for safe-keeping as this was agreeable to Mr.Bozeman. The other material such as Hot Water Tanks, fittings etc, are still stored in the Kingston Warehouse, as far as I am personally aware nothing over there has been molested, no-one seems to know what happened to the Team of Oxen, Sam Thompson says he thinks they went back to the Dredge,. One of your Barges is sunk, just this side of the Patricia Boat House, it was impossible for me to keep a man pumping this barge out each day, as the expense would have been prohibitive,.

After April 15th, at which time we paid you a cheque as per Mr.Collier's orders for some \$260.00, for rent of your equipment I was informed by Tom Weeks that it was your intention to move all this equipment down to Turner's River and I dismissed the care of this equipment from my mind, having many other things more pressing in line with my work, as outlined by Mr.Collier on his visit.

Since I want to do all I can to co-operate with you in every way I can, I suggest that you send Mr.Bozeman down here and have him go over everything and see just what is what, by so doing you will help us considerably in *clarifying* the situation.

7/11/22.

Why not put your Second Hand Value on the list I sent back to you, and then send it down by Bozeman, so we can check over all the articles on the ground, and then see just where we stand. I would like to know frankly just what you would value the equipment at, if you were going to purchase same, Second Hand, then when I get your ideas, we will have something to start with as a working basis.

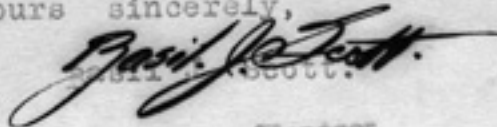
As far as stating just what I need, I cannot do this, nor can any Engineer, until Mr. Ransome comes down here at the end of this Month, and we go over the ground together and see just where the line will run, which be within reason as to costs and the most advantageous to Everglade?

Regarding the Office furniture, and other similar items, why not sell those to the Fort Myers Office of the Deep Lake Company, as that no doubt would be cheaper than getting new in Fort Myers?

My final suggestion is to have Bozeman come down and check over with Thorp your list, and see what is here.

However, if you do not want to do this, I certainly would appreciate your dealing with Mr. Collier and trading for a lump sum, he, to take your figures as final on the second hand value, without calling in any third party, as using second hand materials on a job which has got to be good and permanent, does not appeal to me very much.

Yours sincerely,



Manager
The Deep Lake Company
Everglade, Florida.