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Mess Roseman Bookhart and Co.

Fort Myers

Florida.

Dear O.C. and Harry:-

O.C.'s. two letters received---Enclosed find two checks \$50.00 each use as needed.

Am not at all surprized by delay in matter of payment on Miami Trail account, but it is surprizing how many excuses a rich man can make, but never mind they must pay and it will not put them in an enviable attitude if they delay, for it WAS UNDERSTOOD on July 5th with Mr. Collier, the County Commissioners that in surrendering my contract that I was to be re-imbursed the amounts paid out by me, my letter to the Board, and to Alexander Ramsey and Kerr were agreeable to the time and check should have been passed to me at that time, for had such an arrangement not been made I would have CARRIED ON MY CONTRACT and made MONEY instead of loosing money on this job, but I guess they will see the light LATER as they will on MANY other things.

Sorry the Fort Myers Banks were so unkind to us I simply wanted to show you boys how difacult it is to get money, they will ALL be only too glad to handle our account LATER.

Yes go down and get the property at Everglade and be governed FULLY by my letter to you of January 8th, BUT if they want to pass you check for me in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for this property (exclusive of Miller Diving Hood and your personal belongs left ther) accept same, should they want to buy any part or fail to deliver any part be guided by my valuations of same letter, of course I dont "give a D---" which way they act.

Guess you missed the "cold wave" remember you can cover with sand very large plants if you are reasonable sure that you will be HIT, and keep plenty of seed beds sown and coming in other words "get set".

Keep the tomatoes "growing" at all times dont let them "suffer" for either fertilizer or work but DONT WORK them TOO MUCH, and dont disturb their root system.

Dont worry about Buick, Hollingsworth will be at Orlando on 5th, and I will meet him about tenth some where and trade with him "if there is any trade in him".

Note that Scott will be at Fort Myers on Friday

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trust he paid the Alexander Ramsay and Kerr bill, and that you forwarded check to me, for your information and to show to Mr. Bernes I am enclosing copies of my letters to The Lee County Board and to Alexander Ramsay and Kerr under date of July 5th 22. at which time they accepted the conditions stated therein, r. Collier and Savel both assured me (Savel in Nov. and Mr. C. on Dec. 23rd that they had instructed the Everglade office to pass me check, THEY BOTH HAD the itemized bill before them, BUT THEY THOUGHT I had lost the COPY, so dont deliver the vouchers until check is ACTUALLY PASSED TO ME, I hope they will not get me out of patience with them and this most unbusiness-like method.

Little more I can say, except pay the balance on car painting, charge to me, and then store car in King's, Garage until I deal with Hollingsworth.

Follow your plan of going down on Company or mail boat to Everglade, then get Dan, Lloyd, or some one to make the tow to Naples and store with Crayton safely as you arrange, will really need the outfit down the Coast soon, but we can tow back after our busy season.

Should Colonel Lynn want you to take a TRIP HAW to see Big Cypress, Turner River, and New River timber, take him get Dan to help.

Am making arrangements about crates and paper, but see Puren and get his prices and find out if he will carry us by the month, if he wants a financial statement from me etc. etc.

Watch your "Cold Waves" dont let any of them catch you "napping", spend some money seemingly unnecessarily if your sense of protection is aroused, it wont hurt the plants to cover with sand if they are uncovered carefully by "hand" several days under the ground or covered dont hurt them in the least and you will be surprised "how many" one man can cover with a hoe in a few hours.

Keep moving "fast" regards to you all.

faithfully and sincerely yours

J. F. Jaudon.