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Miami, Fla.

Miami Fla. Feb. 21. 23.

Judge E. G. Wilkinson
Tarpon Inn
Useppa
Florida.

Dear Judge Wilkinson:-

Yours 19th inst received, and frankly I do not quite understand same, as it is not in keeping with the situation.

On July 5th 1922 I agreed to surrender my contract with Lee County for certain work in Special Road District No. 3. This was done after a conference on the subject, my letter accepting this arrangement is as follows.

Fort Myers Fla. July 5th 1922.

" Hon Board of County Commissioners Lee County
Fort Myers Fla.

" Pursuant to and confirming conference held relative to surrender by me of contract with your Board for certain construction work in Special Road and Bridge District No. 3, in which it is proposed that I surrender said contract, and deliver the County equipment, for which I receipted you, to the firm of Alexander Ramsay and Kerr, who would prosecute this work under the direction of the Board, I BEING PROTECTED IN THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY ME, and furnishing to them proper vouchers there-for, I beg to say that I have this day made delivery to them of said equipment and that this is a notice that a cancellation of my contract by you is entirely agreeable and acceptable to me as I believe that with the force available by this firm, and the base of supplies that the work can be better handled, quicker accomplished, and completed than should I continue said contract, and as you know my one desire is to see this work finished at as early a date as is possible.

Assuring you of my high esteem

Faithfully yours SIGNED J. F. Jaudon."

The following letter of same date, handed to Mr. John Law Kerr,

"Fort Myers Fla July 5th 1922"

" Alexander Ramsay and Kerr
Fort Myers Florida.

Gentlemen:-

"Pursuant to and agreeable to conference and arrangement as to surrender by me of my contract with Lee County Fla. for certain construction work in Special Road and Bridge District No. 3 Lee County I beg to advise that I have this day notified the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, that a cancellation of my contract is agreeable to me. The following is a list of the County property on the job and at Everglade which I hereby transfer to you "(then followed a full and complete list)" Attached please find memorandum of expenditures made by me in the prosecution of this work, and for supplies purchased for which I am to be re-imbursed.

very truly yours (SIGNED) J. F. Jaudon "

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The two quoted letters above are COPIES except the CAPITALS in first letter and the underscorings.

I sent the original vouchers to Captain O.C. Lozeman Fort Myers to deliver to Mr. Scott, Judge Collier or to you upon payment of the \$1120.71, and he will so deliver.

If as you suggest this matter is to be ^{again} considered by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, I will very much desire to be present, of course if they desire to deliver the contract back to me I shall take great pleasure in accepting same, but unless this is the intention ~~of~~ of such meeting I can see no reason why I should be kept out of money which is mine, and should have been paid long ago, and if you do present this matter to the Board as you suggest please read this letter to them or give me an opportunity to be at such a meeting.

Trusting that this matter will not be "postponed" or "handed around" any longer (I have had conversation, correspondence, etc with three or four on this subject) and assuring you that O.C. Lozeman will deliver the vouchers when check is passed for the \$1120.71 due me.

I am with personal regards

very truly yours

J.F. Jaudon.