

Florida East Coast Railway

LAND AND INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

J. E. INGRAHAM
Vice-President

St. Augustine, Fla. March 28, 1912.

"59-37"

Mr. F. S. Morse,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir,--

Yours of March 26, in re Dr. Holmberg's option at hand, and carefully considered. In view of the conditions which have arisen in reference to this tract and to investigations which are going on quietly throughout the state, I think it may be well now that the option has expired, to as soon as practicable, make some investigations on our own account. I was advised 3 months ago that in all probability, near the inner edge of the Everglade rim, we would find deposits of sea marls which might contain such percentages of potash as would make them valuable for commercial use, marls of 6% potash would be profitable to work. Upon the suggestion of this friend, who is a very competent chemist, I had some samples of marls sent from points he suggested, and the analyses of these samples show 1.48% potash, which is a very high percentage, and it has occurred to us that "59-37" may contain the very elements that we are looking for. I have a boring machine which will be here very soon, and I am sending this first to West Palm Beach for Mr. Sheen to try at some lands there on which we found marls which have already shown up

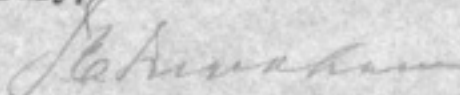
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1.48%, and after that I think we had better ourselves make an examination of "59-37."

If we can get the marls they will be in the shape of a greenish or grayish white marl, and should be of good depth. Please consider this confidential, and not let it be known what we are looking for, - of course excepting your office force whom I know we can trust.

I have written also to Dr. MacGonigle and to Mr. Krome both, about the same subject.

Yours truly,



Vice-President.

JEM/S

(P.S. Samples should contain about two pounds of the marl, and be numbered and labeled so we can follow up after analyses; I will send them to Chicago for analyses. JEM/S)