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July 15th, 1916.

Mr. J. E. Ingsaham,
P r e s i d e n t,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing, herewith, Mr. Dooley's blue Print of survey of West Half of Sec.30-48-43. Mr. Carlton Marshall of Pompano, at present owns the 70 acre tract scored in red, on part of which he has a grove planted and cropping on most of the balance. Between his farm and the East Coast Canal, as indicated on the blue print with yellow crosses, there is a narrow strip of muck and marl prairie extending from the edge of the pine woods to the mangrove swamp, which is too wet to be farmed in its present shape, being subject to tidal overflow from the canal to the east and the Hillsboro River and Inlet to the north, but Mr. Marshall would like to experiment on this land to ascertain if it can be made available for farming, and after our Mr. Pepper going over the ground thoroughly with him on yesterday, he wishes to make the following proposition to the Company.

That the Company enter into an agreement with him whereby he shall be permitted to experiment with ten or twenty acres of this land this coming season; in this experiment he states he will expend between \$600.00 and \$1,000.00 in ditching, dyking and installation of pumps, and if by this means he can prove to his own satisfaction that the strip of prairie can be made available, he is to have privilege of purchasing about forty acres of this

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prairie as shown by the yellow crosses, and also agrees to take along with the prairie what pine land there may be in those ten acre subdivisions and also the mangrove swamp lying between the prairie and the East Coast Canal, making, we estimate a total of about 86 acres, for which he offers \$25.00 per acre, one-third down and balance in one and two years; advance payment to be made and contract entered into next Spring providing, as above stated, he can satisfy himself that the land can be drained and made farmable.

Under our price schedule this would be rated about as:

40 acres unavailable prairie,	@ \$35.00	\$1400.00
8 " 2nd class pine land,	@ \$30.00	<u>240.00</u>
making total of - - - - -		\$1640.00

for 48 acres of pine and prairie, and leaving say 37 acres of mangrove swamp on which we have placed no price, but if Mr. Marshall's offer of \$25.00 was accepted and schedule price applied to pine and prairie acreage, you would be getting something like \$13.00 per acre for the mangrove swamp.

Should Mr. Marshall be able to demonstrate that this front prairie can be farmed under his system, it would no doubt be of great assistance in the sale of the balance of this prairie. It would be necessary for us to have this land located in case such a deal is made, as you will note the East Half of this Sec. has not been sub-divided.

Yours very truly,

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