

ESTATE OF

WM. WHITWELL DEWHURST  
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Mr Frank J. Pepper  
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Miami.

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, Mr W.W. Dewhurst, during his life time, sold under a mortgage, to the paradise Prarie Land Company, some 28,000 acres of land in Dade County. This Company is composed of certain men in business in Miami, as well as several in the North. Mr Thomas Benson, of 235 N.E. First Ave. is the Secretary of the Company, and Mr McBride, at the same address, is either the president or a stockholder. Last May the Company paid the Estate \$2,000.00 on interest due on the unpaid notes, and in August paid some on the taxes. In all one half of the taxes for 1927 are paid on the property.

I can hear nothing further from Mr Benson, to whom I have written twice, and telegraphed, asking for some written statement of their plans. The estate would be glad to consider far easier terms, and a reduced principal and for this reason I am anxious to get in touch with Mr Benson, to see if we cant come to some arrangement to pull the whole business out of the hole it has evidently sunk into.

I am writing to ask you if you will make an effort to see either Mr Benson, or Mr McBride, and talk with them, finding out if possible what they intend doing in the matter. Please report your findings back to me, and send me a statement of your services, and we will be glad to send a check for your assistance in the matter. I can, of course, come down to Miami if necessary, but I do not wish to make the trip if it can be prevented.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,  
I remain,

Very truly yours

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