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May 24th, 1922.

SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. J. E. Ingraham,
Pres. Model & Perrine Grant Land Co.,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The meeting of land owners in the Southern Drainage District for the purpose of electing a Supervisor to succeed Mr. L. F. Highleyman whose term expires, has been changed from date of June 10th to June 12th, and as per your letter of March 31st I wish you would please prepare and forward to me proper proxy for Model Land Company and Perrine Grant Land Co. to be used in voting on this Supervisor. At the present time there has been no announcement of any opposition to Mr. Highleyman who seeks re-election, and after investigating the affairs of the District and talking the matter over with the other two Supervisors, I believe the best interests of the District will be served by the reappointment of Mr. Highleyman, and, therefore, will so use your votes unless you request otherwise, or something else develops between now and June 12th to cause me to change my attitude. We have one vote for each acre of land owned in the District, the total acreage being set forth in the proxy, which information Mr. Bennett has at hand.

As you will recall we had more or less correspondence about eliminating the lands in Township 54 from the district, but it was found this could only be accomplished through the Legislature, and when the Supervisors were

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shown that most of this property would not be benefitted at all by drainage and told that we felt like any drainage tax was unjust and should be stopped, I was informed that they had a gentleman's agreement with Gov. Jennings at the time he was in Tallahassee opposing the measure, that the tax on the properties in Township 54 should be only 10 cents per acre per year until actual work of drainage was done in that section, while tax in the balance of the district would be 50 cents per acre, and they feel like, under this agreement, they have a moral right to continue this tax, however, they now agree with me, that in-as-much as the total revenue from Township Fifty-four from all lands, under this ten cents per acre tax, amounts to less than Three Thousand Dollars per annum, that commencing with 1923 they will cut off all the tax on these lands until the land owners call for reclamation and until such work actually begins in this unit of the District.

Therefore, we will have this small tax to pay for 1922, but according to promise it will be cut off thereafter as above, and I will see that the matter is brought up in the Land Owner's Meeting and Minutes to that effect spread in the records, all of which I trust meets with your approval.

I made an attempt to get the 1922 tax cut out, but they claim this cannot be done as the assessment has already been made, and they feel we should not object, especially in view of the agreement with Gov. Jennings above referred to.

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Yours very truly,

PEPPER & POTTER,

Per _____