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SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. Frank J. Pepper,
c/o Mr. F. S. Morse,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Pepper:

I have your favor of the 5th instant, in regard to the above drainage district and meeting to be called for June 14th.

We apologize for omitting having advised you that we had furnished Mr. J. P. Conrad with our proxy for the elections. Mr. Conrad was offering himself as a candidate for re-election. You may remember when the N. B. Broward Drainage District and the Southern Drainage District were up before the Legislature, we had to fight it very vigorously in order to get it in shape where the landowners would have some little protection. The late Governor Jennings acted for us as our attorney. He was strongly in favor of Mr. Conrad being one of the Supervisors when the drainage district was organized and the question of re-election of a supervisor was brought up by Mr. Conrad during the sickness of Mr. Jennings at West Palm Beach, and we referred the matter to him and he asked us to give our proxy to Mr. Conrad. We had intended to advise you of this but it slipped our memory.

I note what you say in regard to the attorneyship. Of course this is a matter entirely within the province of the Commissioners as to whom they will appoint as an attorney. The landowners have little or nothing whatever to say in regard to the district after it has once been formed, unless there is some serious mis-step by the Commissioners and the rights of the landowners are merely nominal then. In the Lake Worth Drainage District they have an attorney appointed, to whom the landowners are strongly opposed, and they have so expressed themselves to the Commissioners, but we cannot get any action by the Commissioners to change their attorney, so that you will see that it is merely a question as to who the Commissioners want, and not as to who the landowners want, but so far as we know our Company would have no objection to the election of Mr. Frank B. Shutts, so long as

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the agreement between the Supervisors and their attorney limits his fees to a reasonable fee and does not allow him a wide opening so that he can make any and all kind of charges against the district for tax sales or defending tax suits. This I think is a matter that should be carefully and conscientiously gone into between the Commissioners and their attorney in their agreement of employment.

We will be glad to have you act for us in this matter if you are able to attend the meeting, but as the date seems to be the same for Broward Drainage District and the Southern Drainage District, it will be difficult for you to be at both places at the same time.

With kind regards.

Yours truly,

Lillian Harrison
Secretary.

H-s.