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Mr. F. J. Pepper,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Pepper:

I have your nightletter stating that Mr. Ingraham has sent you vouchers for reclamation taxes in the Southern District, with instruction to pay same provided the other property holders are paying and the affairs of the District are being properly handled, asking me to wire you if my conference with Attorney Taylor disclosed any adverse information, and if I know of any other reason why payment should not be made, and in reply beg to advise that many of the land owners, namely; Bolles Estate, Dr. Holmberg, Miss Cain, Mr. Jeffries, The Miami Land Company, Mr. Comfort, Mr. Bandel, the Bandel Estate, and others whose names I do not now recall have paid the reclamation taxes. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had not paid their taxes yesterday when I talked to Taylor. He advised that the Trustees had agreed to pay, and he was expecting their check every day.

This covers the information that I have concerning the payment of taxes.

When I tendered payment for a small acreage owned by Mr. Bryan and myself Attorney Taylor informed me that the lands had been advertised, or the list placed in the hands of the publisher, and therefore costs would be added both for attorney's fees amounting to about 10% of the amount of the tax, and the printer's fees. I protested against the payment of attorney's fees, particularly because these matters have been under consideration and we had been doing special work and making special effort to get the affairs of the District in shape to proceed with the work, after which Mr. Taylor withdrew the charge of attorney's fees. This applies with like effect to the Model Land Company and the Perrine Land Grant Company tax.

I have been in correspondence with the Secretary of the District asking for lists and verifications of lists and in conference with Mr. T. B. Bennett, Tax Agent, verifying these lists all for the purpose and with the understanding which was fully communicated to the Southern District officials that I had recommended the payment of these reclamation taxes. I regard it as unfair pending the

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verification of a list dependent upon and delayed by the District itself that either printer's costs or attorney's fees should be added to the tax.

Therefore, I suggest that you tender the payment of the taxes without either publisher's charges or attorney's fees. If the same is not accepted, I suggest that you speak to Dr. Holmberg concerning the demands of the District, and if he cannot adjust the matter satisfactorily telegraph me.

Yours very truly,

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