

May 23, 1929.

File 655 1/2

SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-Pres.,
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The last time I talked with you on this subject in your office in St. Augustine, I promised to try to get in touch with Messrs. Siegel and Highleyman, the other two Commissioners, to see how they felt about not levying any taxes for the year 1929.

I have succeeded in having a conference with Mr. Siegel who came to my office, and find he is very much in favor of this idea on the general principal that everything should be done possible to keep down taxes during these times, and he promised me that he would have a talk with Mr. Highleyman as soon as possible and advise me further, and as soon as I get a report of their ideas I will pass the information on to you.

Mr. Siegel expressed himself as thinking that somebody ought to go further than enjoining merely the Southern Drainage District from levying taxes, suggesting that the general Everglades State tax on most of the land in the Southern Drainage District is considerably greater than the 50¢ per acre that it was proposed would be levied by the Southern Drainage District this year, and that the State, so far, has not benefitted this territory one-tenth as much as the Southern Drainage District. I told Mr. Siegel I thought he was entirely right from point of principal, but was not sufficiently familiar with how State Drainage matters were handled and controlled to know whether or not any steps could be successfully taken along this line, and he stated that he did not know either.

Yours very truly,

PEPPER AND POTTER, INC.

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