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May 27th, 1921

SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.  
Dade County.

Mr. Frank J. Pepper,  
c/o Pepper & Potter,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Pepper:

While our Mr. Tom Bennet was in Tallahassee attending the Broward Drainage District meeting he met Mr. W. V. Blackwell, who I think is Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, and Mr. F. H. Siegel, representing a very large ownership of land in the district. They were at Tallahassee with the intention of trying to get passed through the Legislature some changes in the Southern Drainage District and the matter was discussed between them while there.

Today we have a telegram from Mr. W. V. Blackwell as follows:

"Will you confer with your companies and get their approval to House Bill #832 being a bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter #7762 adopted at the extra-ordinary session of the Legislature of the State of Florida of 1918, approved December 7th, 1918, entitled an act to fix the terms of office and compensation of the Supervisors and Secretary and Treasurer of the Southern Drainage District providing that Joe Conard shall also serve as Secretary and L. T. Highleyman as Treasury of said District and the salary of the Attorney for said Board. And to fix the terms of office and compensation of Board of Supervisors of said Southern Drainage District. This is the Bill I went over with you when you were here last week. As you know I have the approval of a majority of the land owners in the Southern District to our Bill. Nearly ninety thousand acres out of a possible one hundred forty thousand have signed their approval and we would like your companies approval at the earliest possible moment."

Upon receipt of this telegram we called up Mr. Ingraham and discussed the matter with him over long distant telephone and have replied to Mr. Blackwell's telegram as follows:

Frank J. Pepper #2 - 5/27/21

"Your wire House Bill eight thirty two. Although we have not had opportunity to compare changes made by this Bill, as you have the sanction of majority of land owners in Southern District and as I believe you are working for best interest of District I hereby give the approval of Model Land and Ferrine Grant Land Companies."

(Signed) J.E. Ingraham

From the conversation had with Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Siegel and Mr. Bennett we gathered that it was the object to have a re-valuation, or distribution, or something in regard to the lands at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District. Mention was made by Mr. Bennett of a large acreage of our lands which are high pine lands, and should not be subject to any drainage tax. I will appreciate it very much indeed if you will get a blue print of this drainage district and go over the same carefully in reference to our holdings and pick out those lands which are called high pine lands and are not benefited in regard to any drainage that may be done in the District, but are really more or less damaged by the drainage, and at their next meeting appear in our behalf petitioning them to remove these lands off the drainage roll. I do not suppose you will be able to get any relief of damages done to these lands but if we can get relieved from the drainage tax it will be quite a help. If you can get two blue prints of the district and after you have made your investigation of the lands which should not be subject to this tax, mark the same upon one copy of the blue print and forward same to us with your recommendation prior to this meeting so that we will be in position to support your petition with a letter or something direct from this office.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

*Dwainey Harrison*  
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