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Lands in Southern Drn. Dist.

Mr. Frank J. Pepper,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Pepper,

Your favor of the 10th inst. relative to eliminating lands in the Southern Drainage District lying South of line between Townships 54 and 55, was referred to Mr. Dewhurst with request that he advise us along the lines you request. I am enclosing his reply which does not seem to touch on the subject your mention as to the proper steps for the Supervisors to pursue to eliminate all lands in Township Fiftyfive and while we do not doubt but that we could contest this special drainage tax along the lines he mentions we desire to work in harmony with the district if possible. I am attaching this letter of Mr. Dewhursts for your information and would ask that you return same for our files.

As far as eliminating the lands south of line between T<sup>ps</sup>. 54 and 55, Mr. Dewhurst advises that this could only be done through act of legislature. The manner in which we expected relief was through the assessing board, as there is much of the land of the Model Land Company and the Perrine Grant Land Company that will not be benefited by this drainage work on which we are paying a special drainage tax. As I understand the method of assessing benefits this land that is not benefited is not to be taxed. It would seem to me that this can be properly adjusted when the commission to assess benefits and damages goes over these lands. We cannot continue to pay this special drainage tax on lands that receive absolutely no benefit from this proposed drainage and which in some instances may possibly be damaged by the lowering of the water level.

As to changing the boundaries of the Southern Drainage District is concerned it would seem that this is a matter to get in shape to be taken up at the next session

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of legislature. By this time they should know just what territory would be benefited and the boundaries could be made in accordance therewith; also they could make any other changes which would facilitate the handling of this drainage work.

We agree with your attitude in respect to Captain Jaudon and Mr. Seigel.

Regret that we did not receive your letter in time to get our reply to you before the meeting which was held today.

Yours very truly,

*Dirney Harrison*  
Secretary.

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