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SUBJECT: Broward Drainage District.

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

Dear Mr. Pepper:

On the 16th inst we had the courtesy of a telegram from you advising that there was some fight on in Tallahassee regarding the Broward Drainage District and that a large delegation of land owners was going to Tallahassee and asked if it was not advisable for our Mr. Bennett, or someone else, to attend in the behalf of the Model Land Company. Upon receipt of this telegram our Mr. Bennett went over and saw Mr. Scott Loftin, our Attorney, and discussed the matter with him. In accordance with advices therefrom Mr. Bennett went to Tallahassee and has just recently returned therefrom.

There appears to be considerable difference of opinion in regard to this Broward Drainage District at Tallahassee. When Mr. Bennett left for St. Augustine the understanding was that the District was to be curtailed and that two units were to be selected for drainage. The curtailment of the Drainage District is to eliminate practically all of the Model Land Co. lands in the district, leaving us some two hundred and forty acres in the Drainage District, or possibly not quite so much. Naturally we are much pleased with this change. We will be glad to get out of any drainage and all drainage districts that we can.

Mr. Bennett arranged with Mr. W. C. Kyle that when the matter was definitely arranged for him to wire us as to the case and on the 24th inst we received a telegram from Mr. Kyle as follows:

"Broward District reduced to small unit as agreed by Bennett. New Supervisors to be appointed by Governor. No salaries. Think big improvement over old arrangement. Does this suit you. Answer.

To which we replied:

"If Broward district reduced to unit as agreed by our Mr. Bennett which eliminates all our lands except in sec 2-49-41 and in Sec. 6-52-41 and new Supervisors without salaries appointed by Governor meets with approval of Model Land Co."

Frank J. Pepper #2 - 5/25/21

For your information we are sending you a blue print showing the original Broward Drainage District and marked thereon our lands within this district. We are also marking on this blue print the new district as established by the present Legislature.

I am sending you this information because I understand that the different land interests within this new district have selected your name to be put before the Governor as one of the Commissioners upon which all of the land owners, especially the Helms interest, are united in having appointed as a Commissioner. We were approached this morning to know if we had any objections to you acting as a Commissioner. We advised them that our holdings were so small in the district, as newly established, as to bear no interest on the appointment of the Commissioner. But if you were willing to act as one of the Commissioners we would have no objection to you doing so. I understand that your name will be put before the Governor tomorrow as one of the selected Commissioners by the united interests of the land owners. So that if you are approached you will know how to act.

In concluding I will say that from my previous knowledge of Drainage Districts and the many dissensions that arise therein that the life of Commissioner is not a very happy one.

With kindest and best regards.

Yours truly,

Sidney Harrison
Secretary.

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