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Mr. A. R. Livingston,
Homestead, Florida.

Dear Sir, -

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter just received from Mr. Ingraham, Prest. of the Model Land Company, setting forth his attitude towards the formation of the proposed Drainage District, South of Florida City:

" I apologize for failure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 20th. previously, but as you are aware we have been extremely busy for some little time past and we discussed this matter personally with you while in St. Augustine a few days ago.

In reference to the formation of a drainage district as outlined on blue print forwarded to us with your communication, entitled, " Homestead, Key Largo Location Map, Twp. 57." Until a survey is made of all this territory, giving the levels and other necessary engineering data to determine whether or not the land is drainable it would be useless to think of forming a drainage district or endeavoring to make any drainage. There are several owners in this territory, the next largest holders to ourselves being Tatum Bros. and quite a little land owned by the State, some owned by Thompson & Jackson, some owned by the Boston Company; and while we do not desire to retard any progress or development, and are always really more willing to enter into some arrangement of this sort where progress and development is contemplated, and while we have thousands of acres of land in other drainage districts which are available for cultivation and which are available for sale and for which we have not so far been able to find customers, and have therefore a large acreage of drained land on hand, we would be perfectly willing to enter into an arrangement for the surveying of this land to determine by the taking of drainage levels whether or not the land is such as can be drained,

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if all of the other land owners in this territory, including the State of Florida, will enter into an agreement to pay its pro-rata share of the cost of this engineering survey, levels, etc. If all of the land-owners are willing to do this and enter into a contract to advance the money for this work, our Company will be glad to co-operate with them."

We will thank you to see that this information is placed before the Drainage Committee of your Chamber of Commerce.

Yours very truly,

PEPPER & POTTER,

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