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May 23, 1929.

SUBJECT: Sugar Cane Test - Cape Sable.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 21st, will state that from the best information we can obtain, it will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$250.00 an acre to clear and prepare the hammock land for the planting of sugar cane, and in addition to this, you will probably require a ditch and dyke at least around the exterior of the tract, and possibly some laterals, which would probably run between \$200.00 and \$300.00.

There will be practically no cost on clearing prairie land, and the necessary ditching would likely run \$200.00 or \$300.00, this all depending somewhat, of course, upon the class of land selected for the experiment.

You probably appreciate the cost of clearing a small tract in that section would run a little higher per acre than if it was a larger tract due to the fact that it would not pay anyone to take in machinery for such a small job, and also due to the fact that it is considerably isolated from any settlement and would mean that the person doing the work would probably gather up a gang of negroes to do the work by hand and establish a camp on the site during its operation.

Trusting this is the information you desire, and assuring you that we will be glad for you to call upon us if we can do anything further in this connection, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

PEPPER AND POTTER, INC.

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