

Sanford, Fla., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1883

Hon. H. S. Sanford

Dear Sir

Yours with three enclosures received this morn. Will note, and carry out your instructions. Mr Beardall has just returned, as you saw him at Cedar Keys he has doubtless given you all his news. I wrote you on yesterday that I was keeping quiet about the Swedes, but still I am bringing things to a focus. I found that there was nothing carried off by that man so we could do nothing.

Anderson the carpenter told me that Wilson and Abrams had advised the Swede who was imprisoned, and discharged for want of evidence, that he could sue you and get about \$3000<sup>00</sup> damages, but that the man was willing if you would pay him something, to drop the suit, so I asked him how much he said \$1000<sup>00</sup> - I thought I could get up a case of black-mail, and told him so, that I thought we should put both him and his lawyers in jail, that I would not give him one cent, he might go ahead.

He is going to leave here and work at Maitland, I have consulted Judge Welborn - Directly he breaks his contract - I shall have him arrested as a fraud and common cheat - the penalty is \$100<sup>00</sup> fine or

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imprisonment - If Wilson wants to make him a  
martyr I will make him a saint - If I get  
through this successfully I shall go for the  
other deserters, and either make them come  
back, or serve them the same way.

Very respectfully yours  
D R Trafford aft