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SANFORD, FLORIDA

August 10, 1927.

Mr. J. C. Chase,
Camden, Maine.

Dear Josh:

I am enclosing copy of letter I received from Mr. Newton, with reference to some documents which he received from J. Curtis Robinson with reference to the Prune growers clearing house in California. Robinson turned these papers over to Newton, as suggested in my previous letter.

I have been unable to see Newton or Skelly. Pratt is due back about the 15th, and Newton is scheduled to leave on the 15th. Newton is scheduled to speak before a joint citrus growers and farmers meeting in Gainesville on the 12th. I believe Mayo is to be with him, and they will talk strong on the Clearing House proposition.

The letter which you drafted in response to Commander's letter, was written and sent out last week. I have not seen copy of the letter, or direct advices that it has actually gone to Commander but I think it has. I understand that a copy of the letter was sent to you.

Matters are more or less in a hectic condition in Sanford at the present time. Lake has resigned as Commissioner and Mayor. His place will be filled by special election on the 25th. Inasmuch as my plans for an outing have been interfered with, and still further interfered with by unexpected happenings, I have decided to leave tomorrow for Asheville and return here on the 25th, so address me at Asheville on receipt of this letter if you have not received contrary advices.

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Weather continues warm and dry.

I am getting my dope together for an interview with L. L. Payne, Chairman of the County Commissioners, on my return from Asheville and prior to the next meeting of the County Commissioners. I am not going to make a written report until I can have a personal interview and relay the data I am getting together. Whatever changes he thinks should be made in reports submitting the proposition to the Commissioners I can make and endeavor to put in proper shape so as not to handicap them in doing what they want to do for us.

I am satisfied we will have to bear some of the expenses of this road proposition by reducing values of trees, and also possibly the cost of a portion of the fence. I want to use creosoted posts, as they should last twenty to thirty years. They cost fully double what a light-wood post would cost. I would prefer to absorb some of this additional cost rather than not have a good permanent fence; further more we may run our fence line outside of the right of way of the deed, with the understanding that we will set our fence back allowing full width of the right of way any time within ten years that the county requires it. My thought in this is that possibly some of our best bearing trees could be allowed to stand where they are, and within ten years we would get more out of the crop than we would by taking the value of the trees at the present time. If they force us to put the fence back before ten years they have to pay the full value. In other words we have to get some sort of a Cracker trading basis. They have prepared a deed, and have a map showing the proposed road. They have arranged matters so we can gather this year's crop from the trees which have to be moved, which will help the situation.

There are practically 238 trees tagged, which will have to be removed if the fence line is run on the highway right of way. I have sent Sydney down to Isleworth today to

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make a check of the trees tagged, and to make a report to me on the number of trees, their variety, size, and condition (whether in good condition or scrubs which really have no value).

Yours very truly,

A. O. C.

*1/4" rain Delworth Saturday - things
look fine.*

SOC:HMR.