

Sanford, Fla., May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

Hon H S Sanford  
Dear Sir

I am glad to know that you have one of your friends on the Board. I have written to Faulkner to send me a book-keeper, given is far from well and I am afraid he may get sick anytime - there is more than he can do anyway, here is the 12<sup>th</sup> and the monthly statement only now ready - the weekly reports are a week behind - this won't do.

Bob Summerlin, it is rumored, has absconded - no one knows where - he collected for that scrip and has signed the receipt in the firm's name so Abrams is liable it is said that he has carried off a large amount belonging to various parties - this is one of Abrams great appointments. Those school lands near Bartow are all bought up.

The Plant. Syndicate have bought a controlling interest in the South Florida Railroad and will complete to Tampa at once - The telegram says "no change in the management" doubtful eh! Ingraham is Nalk so no one here knows any particular.

I am getting up estimates of appropriations - The trade is being laid on the switch and the Swedes are

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opening up Commercial St. I am told Mr Phelps  
is going to build his bank on 1<sup>st</sup> street, if so I shall  
not let him have that lot on Commercial St. -

Sales showed an improvement last month (\$7300) - This month  
so far one 2500 - I hope you can push the new  
office for we really have not room here -  
We have about \$8000<sup>00</sup> worth of lumber in the yard  
there will be a cleaning out there as soon as the  
ice switch is finished

Respectfully yours.

E R Trafford