

Sanford, Fla., May 19, 1883.

Hon H S Sanford
Dear Sir

I have not written you so much as I ought to have done, lately for I have been working long hours trying to get everything up. I am getting all the new lands into shape, preparing tract books, maps &c also a statement of their status to send to London.

I had a letter from Mr Clair saying he would come and look at the Hotel but he has not been - we have had no one but the owner of the house at Magnolia. He thought we should have difficulty in selling without the park in front as that was the main attraction.

Well, the latest is that Plank is going to push the Railroad through to Tampa by January. The steel rails are bought and the move all their faces down from West Florida (1000 men) and go to work at both Kissimmee and Tampa - The ~~the~~ Trafford tract will then loom up.

Welborn is at court at Orlando. I will push him up on your matter when he returns.

I have not heard from Hughey yet about that 80 acres, but doubt his letting you have it was

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for five dollars an acre. Map of Fab Gardinier shall be forwarded as soon as Mr Beardsall can make it. I both telegraphed and wrote about 35-19 it is low flatland but little account - not worth buying.

There is nothing in Tuckers letter about extension East of 1st St - that is simply "booh" things are moving west - Skullys new buildings - the bank - New depot &c - too late in the day for Tucker now - Sales as I anticipated last month from the small pox scare are dull - he's had the month gone and only \$2500⁰⁰

My next monthly, being the last of the fiscal year I shall touch on the future - I think I can show them that we are over the hard times - I'm satisfied the next will be the best they ever had - I am getting everything in hand but making no radical changes - everything gradual by next season I shall have all the interests working like one machine. Hoping you and Mrs Sanford are well I am
Yours very respectfully
E R Trafford