

Barlow Feb 8. 1884

Gen H S Sanford
Dear Sir

Robison engaged at \$125. pr month he says he cannot get more than twenty thousand acres pr month to do it carefully - I think he will find that he can double that quantity in selections of 640 acres -

He has been selecting Internal Improvement lands for Williams in isolated 40 acre lots which necessarily take much longer - He has to have an advance of \$150⁰⁰ to get his outfit, horse &c -

The proposed extension of the Railroad is not known here yet - though I fear the Telegraph operator has dropped a hint - Property is very cheap here - but will take a jump when R R is known - I think it would pay you to invest one or two thousand in improved property here - This is undoubtedly the finest pine region of the State. I was offered 40 acres - $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Barlow, 1st Class pine land 25 cleared and fenced, 300 4 year old trees in good condition and

6 bearing, a hundred or two bananas, guavas &c \$400⁰⁰
also 40 acres 1/2 miles from Bartow, two acres cleared and
fenced, 90 five year old trees in grove \$75⁰⁰

40 acres 25 cleared and fenced, on East side of Peace
creek 20 miles below Fort Meade - 1 acre bananas
about 100 3 year old trees in grove & bearing trees,
last crop 24,000 for \$400⁰⁰ I speak of these
to show present values, oranges are of no value on account
of distance from market, they give half to get them
hailed to Tampa, then sell them for \$5⁰⁰ per thousand

Pine land costs \$10⁰⁰ to clear and fence,
three and four old trees 10^c each or 20^c set out and
warranted to live - Money is scarce here, and
I think it a good time to strike on some of these
small places in good locations -

I leave here in the morning to go through the lake region
North east of here thence towards the Withlacoochie
I will let you know when I strike the wire - I
have some splendid pine and willow oak land selected
better than anything in Orange

Respectfully yours
E R Trafford