

Spurlock

March Twenty-fifth,
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Mr. J. R. Fletcher,
Orange,
California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

Confirming our telephone conversation this morning I appreciate your getting in and helping me out temporarily in putting the Spurlock piece in condition by discing and handling it as you would your own.

I am enclosing check for \$25 on account and either my son or I will be up to see you in a few days.

I was interested to hear you say that you knew all about the Spurlock deal with myself. Not quite all, I think.

Thru other parties, I sold the property, one of the best tracts I have. I took a second trust deed on this property for \$2500 as first payment. Spurlock made no payment of cash at all. I paid the usual commission, 10%, which I am paying for selling and dug up the cash myself.

Never a word of criticism of any kind from the Spurlocks until their corn crop was a failure six months after they had taken possession.

In fact, there has been no criticism or kick from the Spurlocks until last month.

I wrote letter after letter to them and they would not pay any attention to them or answer them.

They came to the office one day when I was absent and said they wanted to keep the property even after the contract was off and pay the interest and try and make another crop. I would have been glad to accept it but they never put up a dollar.

I let the matter run for a year or more; they paid no taxes did not pay the water bill; did not pay for the pipe that they used down there; leaving owing bills in many places, so I have been informed.

I went to Santa Barbara twice to see them and my son three times before we could contact them.

Spurlock has been the greatest conundrum to me of any man that I have ever known.

The time came when I had to act to protect my interest and I am foreclosing now.

I have a written agreement with Spurlock to obtain an easement for a right of way to the property free of charge to me. He repudiated that and even had the nerve to repudiate the water stock although we have a written agreement with him to turn it over to us.

He may be a good neighbor but he has certainly given us a rotten deal.

Enclosed find copy of letter I am writing Mr. Smith today.

Have you any suggestions regarding the right of way in there?

By the way, are you originally from Massachusetts? We have the Fletcher genealogy from Robert Fletcher in 1592 when he arrived in Massachusetts down to date.

Enclosed find picture of the Fletcher family all Californians and which shows you what San Diego climate can do.

I want you to feel that I am going to be a good neighbor.

If you will get in touch with Mr. Crookshank President of the First National Bank of Santa Ana or Mr. Frank J. Belcher, President First National Bank, Mr. M. T. Wilmore, President San Diego Trust & Savings Bank or Mr. G. A. Davidson, Vice President Bank of America, all of San Diego you will find that I keep my obligations and am responsible.

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Please look after this property as you
would your own until we can decide just what we are going
to do.

Yours very truly,

EF:ASK

Spurlock

April 16th, 1931.

Mr. John R. Fletcher,
R. F. D. #3,
Orange, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:-

I thank you for your letter of the
15th.

Enclosed find copy of a letter I
wrote Mr. Adair. He wrote and told me his
sympathies were with Mr. Spurlock and the en-
closed is my reply.

Enclosed find copy of a letter that
Mr. Spurlock wrote me guaranteeing the right
of way. I am sure he had a promise from Mr.
Smith regarding a right of way on this property.
I wish you would show this to Mr. Smith and ask
him what he is going to do about it. Smith wont
answer any of my letters although he knows of
Mr. Spurlock's pledge.

Let me know ahead of time when you
are coming to San Diego, you and your friends.
Please let me show you around a little.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/RC

Spurlock

J. R. FLETCHER
R. F. D. No. 3
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

April 20, 1931.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
1020 Ninth St.,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Under separate cover I am mailing to you a map of
this vicinity with the Spurlock orchard and the surrounding
orchards, you can then get an idea of the best place for an
easement. As soon as I can get the address of Mr. Meyers
and of Mr. Gamble I will mail it to you. I am going over
to the court house this morning.

The place has been thoroughly irrigated and as
soon as dry enough will have it spaded and made ready for
fertilizer. Meyer on the north and Smith too have just
irrigated and it is impossible to get a truck in with the
fertilizer for a few days. I will get it in somehow even
though you have no easement. The ground was so dry it took
two days to do a good job with the water.

Will come in and see you when I come down.
So far as I can find out there are no arrangements for an
easement made by Mr. Spurlock.

Yours truly,

JR Fletcher

Ed Fletcher Papers

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