

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

512 Custom House,  
San Francisco, California,  
December 28, 1923.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher, Jr.,  
801 Ash St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Sir:-

Hearing on your timber and stone application has been set before the Clerk of the Superior Court at San Diego, California, on February 18. At the same time, the other timber and stone applications which were filed along with yours by various members of your family will also be tried.

Since asking the Los Angeles Land Office to set these cases, matters have developed so that it will be more convenient for us if the cases can be tried during the first week in February. I assume that the same attorney will represent all of the claimants. If this is the case, I would like to get in touch with him and see if we can agree to try these cases starting February 5. Will you please have your attorney communicate with me about this as soon as possible.

very respectfully,

*J. H. Favorite*

Chief of Field Division  
General Land Office.

JHF/GEM

January 3, 1924.

Mr. J. H. Favorite,  
Chief of Field Division,  
General Land Office,  
512 Custom House,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of December 28th, I assume that by purchasing scrip this land can be scripped. Am I correct? This may be a way out of it and save us all a lot of trouble and time.

Will be pleased to hear from you on the subject.

Yours truly,

EF jr:M



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

512 Custom House,  
San Francisco, California,  
January 5, 1924.

Mr. E. Fletcher, Jr.,  
Fletcher Bldg.,  
920 Eighth St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3 in which you state that there is a possibility that scrip may be purchased and applied on the lands embraced in the timber and stone applications that are set for hearing at San Diego the latter part of February. There is no reason why this cannot be done. If it is decided to do this I wish you would let me know as soon as possible so that the hearings may be postponed because it will be rather expensive for us to prepare for them.

Very respectfully,

*J. H. Favorite*

Chief of Field Division  
General Land Office.

JHF/GEM

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January 10, 1924.

Mr. J. H. Favorite,  
General Land Office,  
512 Custom House,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of January 5th, will say that I shall buy scrip for my land, and I think my friends who are in a like position will do likewise. I hate to give up the land, although I do feel that in the purchase of scrip at \$6.50 an acre the value is not there.

Could not a compromise with my friends and myself be arranged that is fair to all parties in interest by your putting a value of the land for agricultural purposes, and we paying for it? If this can legally be done I would like to hear from you. The land is really not worth over three or four dollars an acre even for agriculture.

You need not go to any further expense regarding the hearing. I wish you would have it postponed. In the mean time I would be pleased to hear from you in answer to the above as to whether it is feasible or legal.

What is the lowest price that we can purchase scrip at? My understanding is that I can buy state scrip for \$6.50. Do you know of anything cheaper?

Yours very truly,

EFjr/AH



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

San Francisco, California,  
January 10, 1924.

Mr. Ed Fletcher, Jr.,  
Fletcher Bldg.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Sir:-

Reference is had to my letter of January 5 concerning the timber and stone cases that were set for hearing at San Diego during the latter part of February. At the time I wrote you about these cases on December 28, I had dictated a letter to the Los Angeles Land Office asking them to change the dates of these hearings, but decided not to send this letter until after I had heard from you. Through a mistake the letter was mailed to the Los Angeles Land Office, and I am today in receipt of notices changing the dates of these hearings to February 6, 7, and 8.

I am writing you so that you will understand how this occurred and will not think that I am trying to rush these cases without giving you an opportunity to decide whether or not you wish to go to trial. Should you and the other persons interested wish further time in which to consider the matter of filing scrip on these lands, advise me and we will arrange to have the dates changed by stipulation. Please let me hear from you about this as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,

*J. H. Favorite*  
Chief of Field Division  
General Land Office.

JHF/GEM

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

San Francisco, California,  
January 12, 1924.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher, Jr.,  
Fletcher Bldg.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10, and in reply thereto I wish to say that there is a possibility you might be able to purchase some of the lands involved by filing isolated tract applications for them. This of course, depends upon how the tracts are situated with respect to patented lands, the character of the land, and whether or not you own adjoining lands. Furthermore, isolated tract applications do not segregate the land from entry until the applications are approved and the sale of the land ordered, so that anyone could file a homestead on the same up until the time the General Land Office took action and ordered the tracts sold. Then too, when the lands are ordered sold they are sold at public sale to the highest bidder at not less than the minimum price fixed by this office.

I will be glad to secure a plat of the lands from the Los Angeles Land Office and send it to you with further advice. In the meantime, we will not hurry the cases to hearing.

It is my understanding that it is impossible to buy scrip any cheaper than the price mentioned by you.

Very respectfully,

*J. H. Favorite*  
Chief of Field Division  
General Land Office.

JHF:GEM



January 19, 1924.

Mr. J. H. Favorite, Chief,  
General Land Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Favorite:

I thank you for your letter of January 12th, and will appreciate the plat of the lands from the Los Angeles office and any further information that you can give me.

As you are aware, there are a number of these applications. They include my grandfather, C. K. Fletcher, involving Application #035270, my aunt, Cora Belle Fletcher, #035266, my sister, Catherine F. Taylor, #035265, my mother, Mary C. B. Fletcher, #035289, my aunt, Rebecca F. Doyle, #035268, my uncle, Jarvis L. Doyle, #035271, Irene M. Pait, #035264, K. L. May #035267, and myself, #035269.

We all plan to buy scrip, and I understand it can be bought for \$6.50 an acre. Shall we send you the money, or shall we have to buy the scrip and turn it over to you?

Would there be any other expense in relation to the matter, and do we get a government patent when we turn over the scrip or the money? Naturally, we do not want to pay for the scrip and have the investment until it is absolutely necessary. What is the longest length of time we can have in which to clean up this matter and to your satisfaction?

My father, Colonel Fletcher, wishes to extend to you the Compliments of the Season and thank you for any assistance that you can render in cleaning this matter up and to the satisfaction of your department.

Yours very truly,



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