El Cajon, Calif. March 26, 1919

Col. Ed Fletcher. Dear Sir:-

Enent the washout on the Thompson place; patience ceases to be a virtue with us. Day after day and nothing doing. Had you kept your promise made to us at your office (Come out and see for yourself the damage done") I feel assured that you would have realized that the spasmodic work of one team burdened as it is with other ranch and road work, would make slow progress.

Aside from the damage to the two rows of trees, roots to the depth of 8 or 10 feet exposed, the taking of so much soil from the hillside must be taken into consideration. Mr. Thompson, the owner of the Ranch is in sisting that the work of filling in be pressed without any further delay and the question of damage be also settled if possible without being forced to take the matter into the courts.

I also call your attention to the fact that two weeks elapsed after the washout without any work being done on the above place and after having expert horticultural advice on the matter, taking into consideration a curtailment of production on those trees for at least two years and the trees that are gone entirely on behalf of Mr. Thompson and myself as lessee, I think that a conservative estimate of the damage after the filling in is completed would be about \$800.00. Personally I decline the responsibility of settling with the Company for any less sum, believing that the testimony of eye witnesses and the camera will bear me out in the above statement.

The damage on our home place was not so serious as we at first thought, as we succeeded in flushing the silt out of concrete piping, but for the filling in of the 3 washouts and the loss of the fertilizer which I had just distributed on the part washed I am asking \$70.00 from the Company.

matter be settled by arbitration. herefer that the

Yours resp. (Signed) John G. Wills.

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April 1, 1999

Mr. John G. Wills, El Cajon, California.

Dear Sir:-

Answering yours of the 26th, will say I did go out the following Sunday and inspected the washout, and ordered it put in good condition. I found no one at home. I supposed the back-filling had been done. As you know, I have been out of town most of the time for the last four weeks, but I will have Mr. Harrit take this matter up with you immediately.

Yours very truly,

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> 0 f f i c e Aug. 7th,1919

Harritt:

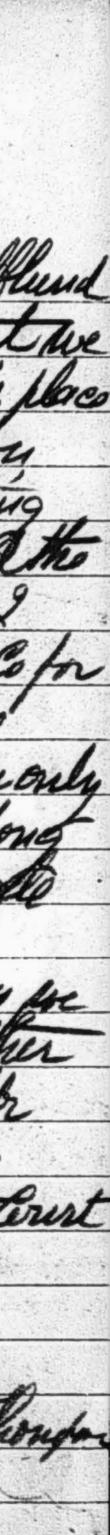
Please see me about this at your earliest convenience.

E.F.





#2 El. Cayou. Cal. July 30/1919 Cuyamaca Water Co Mr. Edd. Fletcher Dear Sir after making the foregoind statements Mr. Hollund in the latter claule of his letter recommends that we have Mr Harritt appoint some one to take his lloce I have a letter from Mr In vein of this somewhatt conflicting situation Hillund dated July 1st in which he states that The suggesting of a Court for a third party a thing in the matter of artituding the claim of Mr Thompson mensistent with our previous agreement, and the to damages. That owing to hersonal briendship, and appointment of another arbiter which matter I wide difference of opinion he feels that the Company helered to Ibr Harritt at the recent hearing of Com should have a representitive entirely selerate book a surcharge, and was politely told by him that he any Edd Fletcher interests and he has therefore noti-Helused to discuss the matter with me we can only fiel you that he will be unable to continue as your presume that this inescuseable delay will belove Representitive a just settlement which should have been mate He also states after seing our claims. he candidly Mow the Fletcher as / manager of the water Company for Could never recommend other than a court as the third harty and can see no objectin Continuing ask from you a definate statiment as to whether further and that My Thourson has intimated the he Mor are going to appoint another artiter in ilor considers it unfair for anyone connected with the Hoffundes plac lor are you going against our wishes and agreement to let the maller go inteterest as suggested by the Hofflund. new of the that you agreed it the tresence of er that we wou disinteristed have and that if the they con tothe G. Cills, agent for che though agree That they calling thind party and we would accept thier verdie



August 15, 1919.

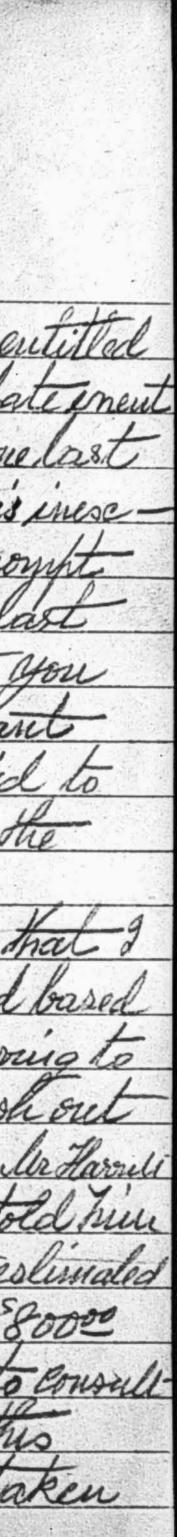
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Please see me about this immediately.

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Ed Fletcher

El. Cayon aug Col Ed. Fletcher Manager Eugamaca Water Co Dear Dout you think Claime hourson al damas a unary this MAD DU act, that Now one makeing nouth arris here in yo 1110 The or a norry uisian amoge in hannan he mary buends and muchibers ornous mature of the damage 2000 12 & musrehallse onmy Take up my What I thought the damage on the Thompson place was, I told him that conservitive mighbors and Horticultural ispect estimated it at 10000 possibly Mr. Thirmfoon might take 80000 rather than go into Court and that I would have to consult-dim first before making definate claim. hyther this statement was male bion to the dirt being taken



from the thompson place, which still further damage his place by hauling the good dirtby Frieno between lache from of trees from the hillside When asked by ill' booley about hauling the dirt from the Thompson place. I merely Haled that it would be much cheaper That the Company having to hand it from a distance which would be a costly proposition. This could in no sense be Construed who a statement that I had granted them permission to take the int free Grate ess we hear from you by the 20 of aug 1919 we shall take it for granted that non are unwilling to abride by by our former agreement ato selle the matter by ration , and will be compelled to The mecessary sleps to reco John G. Wills

San Diego, California, Aug. 26, 1919.

Col. Ed Fletcher, Office.

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Dear Sir:

Hofflund has all the letters, data, etc., re this Willis matter.

Willis, I have been given to understand, has been, or is intending to buy the Thompson property and all the damages he can collect from us will decrease the cost of the place to him.

Would suggest that he go to law, if he wishes; after my experience with him and Springstead, I think it probably the cheaper way of settling these matters.

The fertilizer was possibly washed out of approximately one-half acre of Springstead's orchard; we leveled everything up, put a carload of fertilizer back and still he wants more. I have been dodging him until I could see you, my intention being to tell him that any further recompense to him was out of the question.

Yours truly,

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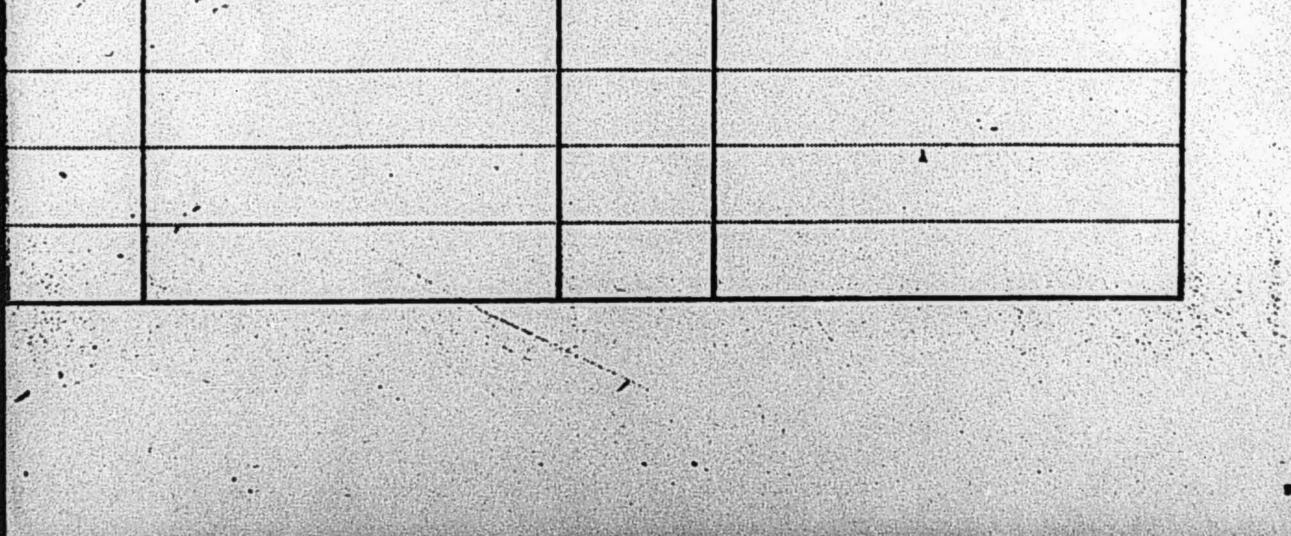
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