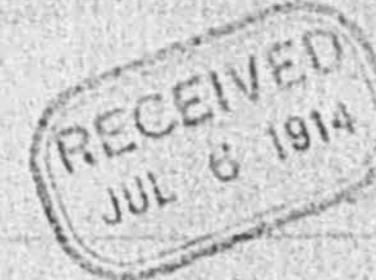


El Cajon July 3-1914  
Buyanada Water Co.  
916 Eighth St  
San Diego  
Cal.



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Gentlemen

your foreman Joe River called on me about the middle of June as he said to notify all water users along the line that the water would be shut off for a period of two weeks for the purpose of repair, he gave me a circular at that time which is dated May 7<sup>th</sup> 1914. At the time he talked with me I asked for information as to regulations & rules of your Company as to time rentals were due & payable as I took possession of this place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April last 1914 I received a certificate of title together with deed showing a perfectly clear & sound title at that date now as your foreman was the first information I have had on the question

water rentals he informed me that I would receive a bill from your office stating what my water rent was but stated ~~dates~~ now as I have not received any notice at all or any communication of any kind but as I know the rate by being associate with Col J. H. Bryan at Lemon Grove and having water matters discussed said rate being \$65<sup>00</sup> per year for one Miner's inch furnished by your Co now as I make a practice of paying my bills I herewith tender you my check for \$13<sup>55</sup> the amount due you from this place since I bought it up to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June if this is in order and satisfactory to you kindly except same and receipt for same very truly yours

Lvs. H. Vickens  
El Cajon  
Calif

this place is known as  
the Summermont Place  
lot 4 and part of lot 3.  
I bought it of the Settle

Settles

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~~West Indies~~



Alexander Clegg, Game Commissioner  
Post Office El Cajon  
R.R. 4, Box 36

San Diego 60

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The Cuyamaca Water Co.

San Diego

Calif

Dear Sirs I have your favor of 16-14  
acknowledging receipt of my check \$13<sup>63</sup>  
the amount of which I believed to be all that  
was due up to July 1st to the best of my  
knowledge based on information at hand at the  
time the matter stood in a little different  
light as viewed from your standpoint  
I had been informed by one neighbor  
that your money was due and payable  
on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of last month  
at the rate of \$65.00 per year on a sum  
in as much as the bill of exchange  
granted by James P. Clegg for 60  
dated March 26-1884 and  
he settled down here to San Diego  
from Portland Oregon

and recorded on March 26-1914

now if you will permit me I will ask you  
to explain the condition of the water system  
what relation if any has it to the land to which  
it is allotted

how much land is there to be irrigated by  
the Cubick inch?

and is it a fact that the water is an  
appurtenance of the land in the summervon  
place (a tract)

and can the water originally allotted to this  
tract or any part of it be by any means  
legally segregated from such tract or part of  
tract.

or in other words can I buy an inch of  
water from any one who wishes to sell it separate  
from the land and be secure in the right  
of title?

and further can a party in the power  
transfer his interest in the original  
water rights to another party  
to whom he may have sold his  
water rights

my excuse for this importation on your good  
nature is because I am not familiar with  
condition in Southern California  
I am from Montana and I have many friends  
who wish to locate in this section  
provided water conditions can be adjusted  
and landed right secure & guaranteed  
I bought this place before I found out  
all about the conditions being overcome  
by the Climate (I might say) (if any  
now I wish to know how much water  
belongs to lot 3 in this the Sunnemoor place  
and can the water originally allotted to this lot  
be segregated from it if so by what means?  
there is  $18\frac{1}{2}$  acres in this place now 1 in of water  
is not enough why shouldn't I have the 1 in  
to the 10 acre as originally allotted  
kindly inform me if you can and give me some  
reference whereby I can secure the desired  
information

Very truly yours

Geo. O. Vickery  
El Cajon  
R.F.D. Box 38

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El Cajon Calif July 5-1815  
Cuyamaca Water Co  
San Diego  
Calif

Gentlemen I have your request for  
water rent am sorry I couldnt pay  
conditions have been such that we could  
not catch up from last years directions  
lemon & orange market we shipped over  
250 voo lbs of fruit last year and got  
nothing for it this year our crops are  
less than half in quantity we hope to  
sell the place and will then be in position  
to square up right now we havent got  
the money you certainly can carry us along  
through the season you are certainly due  
of your money besides you have charged us  
for two months water that we did not  
get if we were in better circumstances I  
wouldnt care about it but we just cant  
afford to pay for any thing we dont get  
we want to give you take a square deal

we will do the best we can  
these times will not always last  
we need helping along just as bad as  
the Belgians do it is just as bad for  
us to starve as any one else

very truly yours Geo. St. Vicker

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July 17, 1916.

Mr. George R. Vickers,  
El Cajon, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of July 5th stating that you are unable to pay your water bills until you are able to sell your place and asking us to carry you along through the season.

We are sorry that your financial condition is as you state, but we desire to call your attention to the fact that this Company has never since June 1, 1910 made enough to pay ordinary operating expenses to say nothing of depreciation and interest on the investment. Just at the present time after our large expenditures for repair of damage to our system caused by the floods in January, we are in urgent need of all funds which we can collect and while we regret your condition, we do not see that we can grant your request for extension of time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

FMF:K

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