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Col Ed Fletcher
1020 9th Ave
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Friend Mr Fletcher:

Your copies to Briles and Peterson letters.

Matter request for purchase or exchange of certain property in Lot 7
13 1 East owned by the Ward interests, by Attys Hersch and Peterson for
Mrs Beatrice Peini, a resident of Klamath Township.

First--- Both E C Hughes and Mrs Peini are friends of mine for more than
25 years. They are antagonistic to each other at present over certain per-
sonal deals and have been in Court in the matter of suits to settle the
same and I believe Mrs Peini has been worsted or believes she will be in
judgements and endeavoring to get the hip on Hughes by a certain purchase,
hereinafter described. I do not wish to enter into the argument one way
or the other but shall give you all the facts as I know of them or have
observed.

Note Barrows No 1 this ownership was acquired in early
days by a Squaw Man Named Barrows, a son in law of Old Lady Safford, an
Indian woman whose daughters married white men.

Barrows sold No 2 a small lot out of his holdings some
25 years back to a E M Fine for saw Mill site. (Barrows Holdings then
comprised all I have in Orange marks. AT that time the North and South
line 5 and 6 was about 80 ft west of the present drawing of the Mill site
in other words it was on the west side of the Mill and now it is on the
East side (Note Cross Mark 2) This last survey made in 1925 by a Govt
Surveyor Named Joy was confirmed by the Govt in 1927 as stands so I am
informed. NOW EVERYTHING EAST of the line 5 and 6 inclosed in Orange
Lines right up to bank or middle of stream (SALT CREEK) Barrows about
the same time as sale to Fine or little later sold to a J B Endert here
in Crescent City. J B Endert later sold to Willis Ward, Ward intersts
holding then the piece all east of Salt Creek and they purchased this
small piece for the control of the Salt Creek to as we reasoned at that
time to round out their property and secure the necessary flat lands and
Boat Landings at mouth of Creek, this is a tide water Creek and open to
easy improvement for Mill sites and shipping points. Now E C Hughes and
son got hold of No 4 years back, mostly side hill and by some arrangement
, he was operating the Mill in pardnership first with Fine or as Manager
entered into an agreement with Willis Ward to care for their property site
and utilize what was necessary of the adjacent grounds. Hughes and his
family has made their residence thereon or on their own grounds close by
for years.

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The small Saw Mill did not pay as a continuous industry, as
community was small and shipping thru mouth of Klamath uncertain, our
highways and fast Motor Trucks not thought of in the first stages of de-
velopment here. Everything was Salmon canneries, I myself being interes-
ted 25 years back in Cannery you will notice marked on map, the land being
leased from this same Barrows., hence I am pretty well versed in the
situation down there.

An other valuable point to consider is right be-
hind the Mill is the ONLY good water on the flat, a Fine flowing spring
from the Hillside (The road Line is built into a high bluff, so you can
understand the topography of the site from this statement and drawing.

The River at this point is Tide water and salty
and any well would be contaminated.

Mr Hughes has in recent years adapted the ground
around the site of the mill and across Salt Creek: Note bridge marks in
BLUE in to a seasonal Camp Ground during the fishing season and nat-
urally receives some revenue ~~therefrom~~ therefrom. Mrs Peini comes into
the picture thru a purchase of the Mill site from Dr Fine the (E M FINE
mentioned heretofor and in a deal with Mr Hughes operating the Mill they
came to a parting of the ways and have went to Court over their differ-
ences.

Now Mrs Peini wants ~~rights~~ to acquire the Water
(Spring) and enough on the Creek in the 3/4 acres first asked for to
enable her to thereby drive Hughes out, as without Water he could not
well live there or conduct the seasonal Tent Camp ground and if she got
the eight acres she Attys mention, that would be the piece sold by Barrows
to Endert and Endert to the Wards, this would give her everything, Water
(Spring) and all the Boat landings and she could move Mr Hughes out.

Hughes has never asserted any claim to the Ward
lands as far as I can ascertain. I know of my own knowledge he asked me to
to be sure to have you call when in that Country and I mentioned it to
you if you had the time the day we met with Chas Williams, but you had only
only time for Briles and to go up the river.

The situation is that Mrs Peini, a large land holder
herself in adjacent territory (Ranch lands) her lands are not contiguous
here, wishes to win her point by buying out the Wards to dispossess Hughes.
He has bested her in what she claims is due her for money loaned in their
transactions. If you acceded to her wishes, you would be selling in my
opinion the Front door to any development the Wards would or their success-
ors might wish to do. The Spring is most valuable for Mill and consumer
demands, besides there is the frontage on Tide water. I do not believe
she is able to give you anything worth the situation to the Wards interests
for those interests are a Milling or selling proposition for all their
lands in the Klamath basin. The best thing for you to do is to visit the
site and look over the situation, Mr Hughes you will find most obliging
and desirous to meet you regarding matters of the Care he has had of the
lands and the future. Mrs Peini if you meet her you will find her interest

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is as stated. At present there is little in it for either except the desire by one or the other to be a winner in their contentions. The future holds a lot of possibilities for this section of Del Norte County and I am sure you would want to view out the locality and its relation to all conditions before selling the key to the situation and if you desire to sell you might wish to give the present keeper, Hughes his chance to preserve his home interests before allowing some one else to acquire the site for the purpose of eviction and thereby achieve a certain form of personal satisfaction.

All matters here have been progressing fairly.

Have set the rate this last Friday, \$1.63. There is one special 3¢ if I remember right in Turwah District that would effect the Wards. This rate will be approximately less for your people this year over last year of 30% and if we had received the delinquent Taxes, the rate would have been easily 60 to 75 % less with only partial payments of the total Delinquencies.

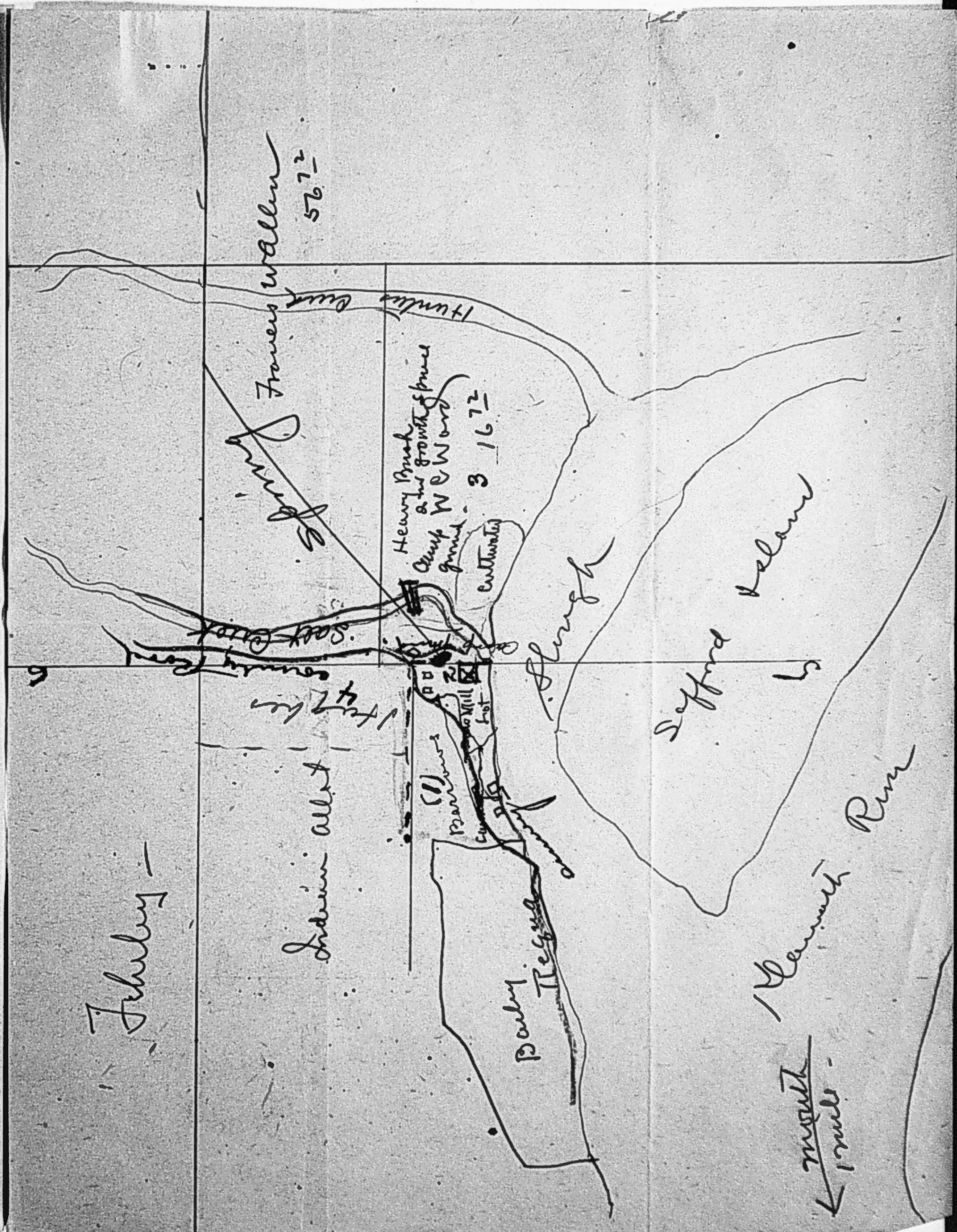
If you can give me any idea when we can expect a Tax payment from your people, either to be made public or just private as you may express, will be appreciated as I desire very much to figure on the Public Purse for the winter demands.

Trusting that the information is complete regarding the matter and if there is any thing further, please let me know,

I am,

Yours very truly,

W. A. Howell



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Mr Ed Fletcher
San Diego Cal.

Dear Sir and Friend:

Your several inclosures regarding Puter etc. I made a point of seeing Mr Burtshell, the Assessor, he was on the point of leaving on a business trip to Oregon for about 10 days; on his return we will check the statements. Before doing so allow me to state that I have known Floyd Puter for better than 35 years and he has a history. At present he is allied with Mr Boland, of a certain Law Firm in Frisco representing some of the Stock Holders of the Del Norte Company and also to a certain degree the Cal Ore Lbr Co, an allied family holding more or less of the Del Norte, they, Boland and Puter have had some representation of the Rust people, this is an other Michigan holding outfit of Timber lands here that have or are interallied in my estimation with the Cal Ore and Del Norte Cos.

They have been trying every way to bring about certain deductions in the assessments of these Cos and the methods used have not got them any place to date. In a years work, they found no appreciable errors, then they attacked the Cruise by submitting a phony run one this last year and were caught in it at the last hearing of the Board of Equalization and their attack blew up. Mr Puter has some ideas that matters are not correct, but he is not sufficiently accurate or intelligent enough to chase down and show conclusively the errors he alleges are the point of issue. I can assure you that if there is anything in error and we are all open to mistakes, the matter will be promptly rectified. The board or the Assessor and for that no member of the county Official family wants to collect a dollar or for that matter a penny that dont belong to the levies.

Until we send you a statement if you are asking my advice, I would not give encouragement to Mr Puter -- and for that matter I dont believe his status with any member of the Board is very high-- he is and always has been rated as a disturber-- as for his stand with Assessor Hurlburt of Humboldt-- I believe he is drawing on his imagination.

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Regarding futher the Hughes and Mrs Peini matter. I have ascertained Mrs Peini leased her LOT , the Mill site, to a Camp ground operator this spring, in anticipation of this seasons business. He was supposed to have the water(spring I wrote you about) and also landing for Boats, but when Hughes dug up the lines and the court action this summer showed Mrs Peini did not have the spring or the Landing, then she had to get busy and produce the same or stand a suit for damages from this Camp ground lease holder of the Mill lot. The party claims to have spent a lot preparing and going to the Klamath and he is capable of carrying a suit, so Mrs Peini is worried and it is necessary that she get the lands or pay damages, hence her activity for the site you have been asked about.

Also she wants all the lands now, the ALLEN piece, whom I understand is a Ward heir. You will refer to the Map I sent you and you will note a Large holding right above the W C Ward piece east of Salt Creek marked Allen. I believe the Allen piece is all or mostly all fine river bottom land, mostly under brush and heavy spruce trees.

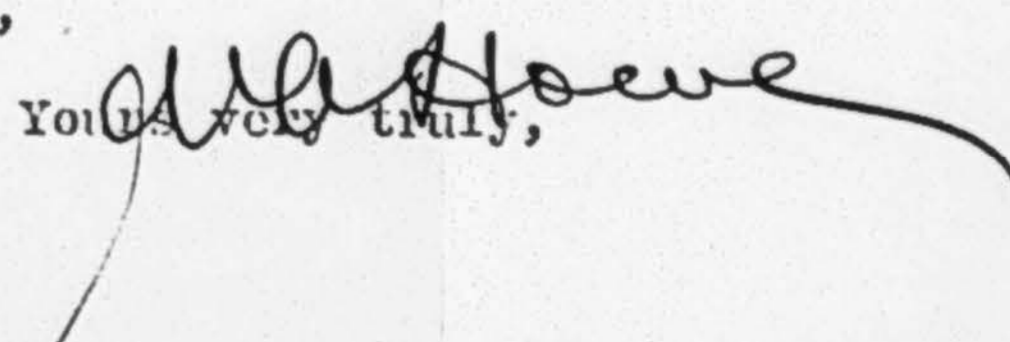
Trust you get the Ward business on a sound basis in order that they can pay their Taxes this year or by April in order to redeem the old Tax even if in 10 installments. They or no one else will ever get a chance to redeem on the terms again that you got that bill thru the Legislature on.

Will be glad to hear from you at any time and try to give you the service and all of it necessary to help in the solution of these Tax problems in this county.

With my personal regards,

I am,

Yours very truly,



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Mr Ed Fletcher
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Dear Sir and friend:

After more delay than I thought at first necessary I have been able to give some time to checking after Mr Burtschell had checked the remarks of Mr Puter. I am happy to state that Mr Puter is positively wrong and in greivous error for either he or I cannot read the Assessment rolls and ~~Cruise~~ sheets of the county records. I have found Mr Puter at outs a great deal in~~x~~ these matters in the past, his statements of course leads any Taxpayer looking for relief to believe that something is radically wrong with the methods of the Assessor Office or that of the Board of Equalization-- why this should be so is quite hard to believe for all interested parties should know that we ought to be considered fairly competent and that if so we would take the advice of the Dist Atty before radically adopting other methods of assessments. In all matters pertaining to the County assessments we have followed the hard and fast rules of Assessment procedures laid down for us by the different Dist Attys, the law and the rules of the State Board of Equalization as sent to us for our guidance. Now I shall take up the exceptions of Mr Puter and shall called them by Numbers starting with No 1 Klamath School Dist.

No 1 Klamath School Dist (Franklin B Ward)

Acres assessed are 1440.47. All is assessed at 75¢ till this year a 20% cut The valuation by the Assessor formerly was \$96,242.00 this year \$77,025. The cruise is 126,370,000

There is NO ASSESSMENT of 100.51 acres at \$5.25
There was and is an assessment included in a parcel of 315.40 acres in Sec 10 of some 95 acres in the ISLAND where Broiles is assessed for \$5 acre. This land is in Lots 1 & 5 ~~xxxx~~ and fr 2 and included in all the adjoining lands making a total of 315.40 A and assessed for \$14,687. There is according to the assessor more land actual in this Island than the company is assessed for. The Company has been paying on the average for the 95 acres, some of the best land down there if cleared a total ~~xxxx~~ per year of 8 to 12 dollars per year. The 8 acres is in Lot 4 and is the entire Frontage of the river west of the Highway, the lands on the east of the Highway with out the River frontage is assessed for \$100 per acre, the same as you are (owned by a farmer and not developed any more Your company has the best lay for sale either as Home or fish sites or as Milling or waterway right of way. So much for No 1 you will find by comparison that MR Puter is not right on one contention costing you taxes for the segregation. He is heavily out on the cruise.

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NO 2 TURWAH SCHOOL DIST Z(Franklin B Ward Trustee)

Assessment Books show 8352.02 acres Puter 8281.56

45.60 A Brush Puter mentions is a fine clear open ground, in fact a Dairy ranch operated by a Mrs Blake pasturing some 16 cows thereon. It is assessed for \$5 acre and should be assessed for several times the amount as there is no finer land on the Klamath for production.

The assessment shows 666.80 acres are assessed for 50¢ per M feet and Puter states 466.80

There is 7639.62 A assessed at 75¢ M on a cruise of 790,706,000 ft Mr Puter has 751,560,000 ft in his computations.

Value at 75¢ by assessor is \$593,710.00 Puter 563,670.00

The 50¢ per m th e Assessor values are \$19,235.00 Puter 14,600.00

Present Value is \$486,505.00. The cruise for the 666.80 at 50¢ M is 30,850,000 ft PUTER says 29,200,000 ft.

There is some 50 acres also in Sec 7 cultivated by a Mario Del Ponte and the ASSESSOR DID NOT ASSESS this, happened to overlook it, in adjsuting Del Ponte assessment, he complained this year about his lines and the county surveyor and Assessor went down there and run the lines with result his cultivated lands were cut down as found to be the Wards. This reported fine farming land, and will be assessed hereafter. You will find Mr Puter wrong again in all the essentials of this segregation.

NO 3 Riverside School Dist (Franklin B Ward Trustee)

Acres 1908 Puter same CRUISE 217,015,000 Puter 178,070,000

Value on assessment books \$162,795.00 PUTER states \$165,220.00

Present Value is \$130,450.00

There was in sveral of the former years judged on the surrounding country and conditions of land values BUT not from the earning power of the SITE if the owners were receiving the benefit and I judge they would have considered it so in having Chas Williams oversee the care of their lands and that was the Assessment of the 19.17 a piece operated on by Chas Williams and assessed for \$1640 or an average cost of 35 to 40 year. Burtschell this year cut this assessment for whole site to a minimum of \$200 or atax this year of 3336. \$3.26

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NO 4 TURWAH (W C WARD)

Assessment shows 3030 acres Puter has 2830.

At 50¢ there is 1270 acres with a cruise of 29,350,000 ft Puter has 630 A with 25,260,000 ft

The value is \$15,315.00 Puter states 12,630.00

At 75¢ there is assessed and was 1600A with cruise 87,030,000 Puter states 1880 A cruise 91,680,000

The assessed value of the 75¢ stuff 65,265.00 Puter states 68,755.00

Total assessment formerly 80,900.00 Puter \$82,025.00 Present assessment

is \$64,705.00 There is 160 a at \$2 Puter says 320 we fail to find it.

NO 5 TURWAH (Nat Bank Bay City)

Acres assessed 6216.61 Puters agrees.

at 50¢ 223.67 acres Puter agrees. Cruise shows 14,450,000 ft Puter shows 8,350,000. He is short here better than 6 million ft.

The assessor has 240 acres at \$2 acre Puter claims 360, we fail to check out.

At 75¢ 5752.94 acres Puter has 5632.94 Proper cruise shows 261,360,000 while Puter claims 264,530,000 ft, we would like to find the overrun Mr Puter has.

Total assessment was \$203,235.00 Puter states \$218,280.00. wrong again.

Present Assessment \$162,425.00

So much for Mr Puter-- I have not found him to make so many errors before in one subject and cannot comprehend all the matter he is putting out. I am confident that we checked the matters correctly-- spent quite a bit of time doing so-- we are familiar with the books, Mr Puter is not-- if there is any errors beyond the possible over assessment in the Chas Williams lease site which does not amount to anything and materially lowered this year on ascertaining the true location, has been more than made up in lands not assessed by the Assessor. There is no intention on any ones part to charge a Taxpayer a cent in excess of what should be done. We are all open to errors and no one would be quicker to rectify an error than Mr Burtschell and our Board of equalization is here to serve every one as fairly as possible

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Col Ed Fletcher
San Diego Cal.

Dear Sir and Friend:

To finish this long delayed letter and answers You will find inclosed a rough map that Mr Hughes has brought to me that he made up from the county maps and put thereon some of the sites in question. If you will bring this map with you when ever you revisit us I will or Mr Hughes can describe the locations and take you to them, in that manner I believe you will see the possibilities etc that I have written you heretofore. At least that is the way it appeals to me, you later then can fully describe the locations etc to your clients to the fullest degree.

Now for the balance .

There ~~is~~ several pieces of your lands that have not brought you anything for years-- Several farmers, notably one just mentioned ~~thx~~ in the ohter letter that have used your lands and while using them you have in one instance not paid taxes thereon but the user has until this year, the other ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sites have been charged a minimum in spite of all that Mr Puter states. Of course you realize, the County Assessor and the Board of Equalization are presumed to know little or nothing of the ~~Wands~~ business dealings as to rentals or leases or for that matter any other Taxpayer. All the Assessor can do is to place a valuation upon the properties returned to him by the County Surveyor who makes up the List of owners and holdings, certifying the same as taken from the Book of Records (Deeds). I might add that in these days your people are entitled to a remuneration from any one holding lands and exploiting them for their personal use. If you desire some one to attend to those matters and see that you get collections and advise with you regarding their values and possibilities, I have then in mind a gentleman resident in that section nearly all his life time, one who has a knowledge of public affairs and regared most highly by all that know him. If he would take the job of overseer or agent for a percentage, fair to both, you would have some one that would give you results. I am not positive he would contemplate taking the job but believe he could be persuaded, any way if you are interested you can mention the matter when up and we can call upon him and it will be a pleasure for me to try and get you two together on some deal.

Regarding the Tax costs etc.

Mr Burtschell set a figure recommended and approved and used by the Board of Equalization after exhaustive reports, hearings and findings of the rates applied to Timber stands in like localities by the U S Forest department, The state of Oregon, Washington and California.

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This rate was further adjudged to be more than fair for the Price of holdings sold by the Owners at divers times to the State of Calif and other private owners and in no instance until the last two years was there a sale for less than more than three times the assessed valuation. We know the Del Norte people asked and hold and sold some lands at 4.50 and 5. per 1000 ft Cruise and they had several cruises, and one of them they advertised as their holdings was more than 50% higher than the county owned cruise.

The Tax levies for one or two years in Del Norte have been high BUT not as high as other Timber counties that I can name, this high rate was occasioned by the desire of the Board of Supervisors to pay for Public improvements WITHOUT ISSUING a Bond that would mean as a rule a double payment before the retirement, thereby giving the Taxpayer a load for many years. This policy has proved itself best ~~tax~~ in my opinion for we are over the heavy burden as you can note in the lowering of the Tax rate, the Improvements have been passed and with two more years the Harbor Bond materially out of the way will allow a lowering further of the Tax rate.

All any skeptic has to do is to take the Tax Rate of all the California counties over the period of last 10 years or more and compare and you will find Del Norte way down the line for the average. Several years we have been at or near the foot of the entire 58 counties. OUR VALUES if you will refer to the State Book RESEARCH BUREAU for their two years investigations will show you that we have averaged 3% less than the average for the entire State, so the assessors values can not be out of line with the other 58 Assessors of the State of California.

As to Errors based for a suit etc. The assessors of California by the law governing and suits carried against them have a great latitude for their inability to have records to the dot. Unless you can show criminal intent, such as purchase of the Assessor to assess you higher than your neighbor you could not be successful in a suit to force a lowering of the amounts due. You would have to show beyond a doubt collusion or gross ignorance or inattention to the matter in hand and that cannot be shown in any sense with our Assessment books. The Assessor or the Board can show and prove that the values FIRST have been legally arrived at and have not been excessive, SECOND-- that these values have been equally and fairly applied to all Owners according to localities and conditions of stands as reported by the cruiser. THIRD the Board would show that no adjustment could be in order WHERE all values had been systematically applied, and barring MISTAKES of calculations which are always open to adjustment no move to lower the Main Tax based upon the values as placed would be considered by the Board or for that matter in my opinion a Court for the whole fabric of the Assessment rolls would be in jeopardy and the Court decisions in all actions that I have noticed have never contemplated interference with the decisions of the Assessor in placing values of property unless as stated before absolute criminal intent could be shown.

I supposed that your intention of investigation of the Tax rates and values was for the purpose of a friendly suit for no other purpose than to allow the Board to compromise to enable you to escape the PENALTIES for the Delinquencies. On this we were agreed for any of the Delinquents, We did not assess your clients or any other Taxpayer with the idea of collecting a large per cent in delinquency penalties. We were agreeable to a suit to allow us to remit ALL except common interest and the REAL Principle due but if your LAWYERS believe they can monkey with the real assessed values and get away with it, I desire to add my opinion that I believe for whatever they can find that No case can be proven against the Assessor or the Board of Equalization that a Court would allow a drastic cut or for that matter any cut. Most Lawyers are out for fees-- the average believes he can reverse a Supreme or Appellate court decision most any time if some one will just put up the costs-- that is the way I have my idea of Lawyers and I have two of them in my family, and they are rather fairly capable.

Since the Legislature passed a bill allowing Taxpayers the easy term for redemption, I cannot agree with a suit for a reversal of values for it is not in the cards to come to pass, all there will come from it in my opinion will be a drawn out battle, the county will win even if many technical errors are shown that I doubt at this time with all deference to your Lawyers opinions or findings. The Wards will have to pay and might run the time into a loss of the suspension of the Penalties for the matter of receiving that benefit the Taxes CURRENT must be paid by next April. The county would be hampered for funds and more Registered warrants would have to be paid for in interest adding further penalties for Taxes to be raised from all property, the Wards included.

You ~~will~~ have asked for my opinion and I have given it frankly--- you should know that as an Official of the Board I could not look at the matter--other than from my Officials standpoint of service to the County--- but I assure you that I have given it thought from the other side as well. I have been years connected with the Board of Equalization, have written dozens yes hundreds of letters to all the People, Interests, Ownerships possible within scope of timber values and methods of applying values and rates in several states and fool I am as competent as any average man in that line of endeavor-- the valuation and assessments, methods and setup of timber holdings and the penalties of being out of line either by error, prejudice or inequality of applying values and all these points have been studiously avoided and only as fair methods as possible for us to apply have been given that consideration the lands involved demanded.

I trust that I have made myself plain in the matter, and I further trust that you will be able to solve the difficulties the Ward lands have found themselves in thru these general times of depression that you and I know full well was not caused by any Tax levies in Del Norte County. If I can be of any further service, kindly consider that my time is at your disposal for County matters at any time. I am,

Yours very truly, *W. Howe*

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Mr Ed Fletcher
San Diego Cal.

Dear Sir and Friend:

Have your letter regarding the Tax Matter: I have had a conversation with Mr Mc Vay, the Auditor-- he states he is perfectly willing to take the funds but it is a serious question if the state Controller will allow it, without the regular penalties and futher the LAST date for the 10% payments was APRIL 20th. The Auditor made his complete return as of April 20th and the payment you sent did not arrive until the 22nd. As he had to close his books according to law April 20th, he considered the matter as impossible. In regard to other counties holding the matter open he futher remarked that he personally knew of no case, it was heresay as to an Auditor doing something against his oath of office.

As to this years Taxes, that was a matter between the Taxcollector and Assessor, the Assessor could make the segregation if he wanted to-- he was supposed under the law NOT to make a segregation of DELINQUENT TAXES-- but our county had performed that service after the 10% plan of payment had become a Law and that he believed Mr Eurtschell would still segregate until this slump was over. The taxcollector could take this years Taxes then on the segregation.

Now I got Mr Eurtschell to make the segregation and he performed the same for Mr McVay and I also got this years Tax due.

The Delinquent sheets inclosed show 3702.63 and 10% would be \$370.26.

This years Tax \$610.33 to tal \$980.59

Now this is both Redemption and this years Tax in full (redemption 10%) I cannot vouch for the 10% going thru--- if it does not it will be returned. If so you will not have anything to worry about IF the TWO YEARS plan goes thru for a moratorium *as stated in your late letter.*

Remit immediately to Tax Collector BYRNE-- I suggest one check to BYRNE for this years TAX sum of 619.70 ~~AND ADD 3% penalty~~ *3%* for interest-- he may ~~take~~ take the same, being after the 20th April. On this ~~part~~ *is included* I am not clear account he was so busy I got the Assessor to make out the statement. I argued with Tax collector that he could move the clock hands back as to time and he agreed, but he might want to make it a few days after the 20th and before the 1st of May, for he has closed his books to all, MAY 1st.-- you can understand then if he takes this after the 1st May he should I believe have a greater penalty to be fair

copy sent to Mr Fletcher

with all the Taxpayers coming in after May 1st and there are to be quite a number resident Farmers after the 15th and 20th when they get milk checks.

Send the other check for \$370.26 to Auditor Mc Vay, stating you had remitted this years Tax in full to Tax Collector Byrne on the property in question, Mentioning that it was for Sections 8,9, 10 & 15 13 1E Riverside and Sections 4, 9, 10 13 1E Klamath, both assessed to Franklin B Ward, and that you trust he will be able to get the matter thru to the Controller and you will appreciate his courtesy in the matter or some form letter similar.

I trust this will help you and all concerned--- we need the money and if it was not for the stringent regulations regarding Tax matters and their collections and each officials interpretation as to how it should be done, there would not be the difficulties we have to day in collections.

We really have to ~~much~~ *much* law for many angles of our political life. As to what you can do for me-- will be to send me a letter directed to the County clerk in which it will request that the Clerk give to me your letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding this refusal of ~~ixxin~~ the Auditor to take the funds you sent. You sent me a copy of the letter with request I see what could be done. This letter will only add fuel to the flame at this time of the year for some people are always looking for Political bait and while you have in sending the letter only looking to a settlement of the matter, others will make political capitol of it and it is not necessary for I have got as much or more conceded as all the publicity would be able to do and not lead to personal feelings in the matter. The Board of Supervisors will meet Monday the 14th May and you will have plenty of time to send me the request that I can negotiate with Clerk and return to you the same first mail If you intend to pay the Tax, kindly attend to that first.

Have not had time to go to the Klamath-- will tho but I surely cannot promise anything as regards the Williams (both)

Taxes paid total about 65% for this year and about 5% of the Delinquent roll. Something has got to be done quick to hold Del Norte together for the period to next December. Our Finance Committee is also up it appears to me-- before they wake up-- the Federal Govt and State will not be able to do anything until an another session of Congress and Legislature.

C C Young looks best here-- understand he is going to ask for Democratic nomination also-- possibly to cut into some Democratic condidate--he cannot get Sinclairs vote-- it will only help Sinclair as far as the north end of the state is concerned. Have several letters from Mr Young-- will undoubtedly support him in the primaries and if Rolph runs or any of his following, and should win, my following will support a Democrat.

John Van Howe

My own about Rolph and his following

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Statement Tax

Section 8 9 10 15 13 1E RIVERSIDE Franklin B Ward

Valuation for year 1933-34 \$23,000.

Tax	1st installment due Dec 5/33	\$187.45
	Penalty to April 20th	15.
	2nd installment due Apr 20th/34	187.45

Sections 4 9 10 13 1E KLAMATH Franklin B Ward
 Valuation for year 1933-34 \$12,490.

Tax	1st Installment due Dec 5/33	101.79
	Penalty to April 20th/34	8.16
	2nd installment due Apr 20/34	101.80
		601.65

*Where Howe made an error
 in first letter - He took 10%
 of total while he should
 take first all interest +
 10% of taxes which made
 a difference of practically
 \$350.00!*

*may not be taken
 per letter* →

*3% for Inst Penalty
 for all due after
 Apr 20/*

*Check J. C. Byers
 Tax collector*

18.05
619.70

DELINQUENT TAX	RIVERSIDE Dist	\$2373.80	
"	KLAMATH "	1328.83	
		3702.63	
	Total	3702.63	10% \$370.26
		and letter to Auditor NEG Mc Vay. send check	

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Mr Ed Fletcher
San Diego Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your wires, letter from the County Clerk and later check for \$80.59 received. Taking the matter up immediately with the Tax Collector for this years taxes before going to the auditor for redemptions of for mer years, I passed the check for \$900 to Tax Collector Byrne and as it was late yesterday agreed to get the papers this A M. In doing so found the taxcollector had to add 3% making this years Taxes some \$620. This was certified to and Tax Receipts given; I then took the \$900 draft to Treasurer to have him give a receipt for the Taxcollector and turned to Auditor for the Redemptions, having been given at the time I wrote you a statement showing that the 10% payment would be about \$370. Upon request since you did not return the statement of Tax I sent you, and w which was given me by the Audiotr, he keeping a duplicate, I asked him to produce the copy and he was unable to locate the same. He then made out a new one, requesting a day for the same. Upon calling on the Treas urer next day found that he had made a complete redemption for some 3500 dollars. I asked for the 10% proposition and as he had refused be fore he thought that he could not do it as the time was well past. I took up the matter completely again and Mr Mc Vay conceded that he would make new statements on those lines 10% and endeavor to get the State Controller to allow the late redemption account of the conditions.

NOW IN MAKING this out he stated the law insists upon a full Interest payment PLUS the delinquent Taxes, this costs more for the first payment for there is some ~~time~~ time elapsed that calls for a large interest payment. The 10% I took was of the principle Mr Mc Vay rendered me in the first statement and that was a full redemption FORM and the amount was some \$3700 if my memory is not at fault, you can refer to the same as you have the copy or original I sent you at the time of my first letter on this subject. Now the matter is still in abeyance. I have left the receipts for first year as paid with the \$900 and \$89.59 check with Treasurer awaiting you return as follows or word what to do.

Description. FRANKLIN B WARD

Fr SE4 Sec 4 Lot 5 ; Sec 9 Lots 1-4-5-6-8
N2 of NE4; SE4 of NE4; NE4 of SE4; Fr Lot 2 Sec 10 Twp 13 NR 1 E HM.

Certificate sale 203 Value assessed \$15,637.

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Tax 1930	\$461.29		
" 1931	445.66	total	\$906.95
for 1 yr 9 2/3 mos	=	114.68	Interest thereon in full

Tax 1932	290.85	Interest thereon for 9,2/3 mo	7% = \$16.60
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Total Interest Klamath Dist for property Listed above	\$131.28
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~~Franklin~~ F B Ward Trustee Riverside Dist

NP of Lot 2 Sec 8. Fr SE4 of NW4 less timber; N2 of SW4 Lot 4
Sec 9 Lots 9-10 Sec 10; Lots 2-3-6 W2 of NW4 and N 2 of SW4 SW4 of SW
SW 4 of SE4 Sec 15 Twp 13 1 NR 1 E HM.

No certificate sale 365 Assessed value of lands as above described
\$32,565.

Tax 1930	\$758.36		
" 1931	814.12	Total	\$1572.48
for 1 yr 9,2/3 mo	\$198.76	Interest thereon 7% for	

Tax 1932	553.60	interest thereon for 9,2/3 mo 7%	
is \$31.22	total interest for period to redemption	\$229.98	

906.95
290.85
1572.48
553.60
3323.88

TOTAL INTEREST	\$131.28 plus	\$229.98	=	\$361.26 ✓
Total Tax due	\$3323;88	10% same	=	332.39 ✓

Total due Redemption at 10% and interest	\$693.65 ✓
This years Tax paid with \$900 draft	620.49

Funds received todate	980.59
Balance necessary for Redemption on 10% basis	333.55

I am very soory that this misunderstanding has occurred, I gave it to you as the Auditor made it out, the copy you have. I suggest that you send about \$350 as there will be more interest some 10 days before the matter can have yours and my attention. I am sure I will be able to get this cleared for you with the Auditor if the money is sent.

With my personal regards, I am, yours very truly,

W. H. Howe

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