

New Bedford 8 Dec 1834

Mr A. Whitehead Esq

Key West

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I am in rec^d of your favor of the 15th Nov^r - the contents of which has been communicated to the friends of Mrs Fleming.

Mrs Fleming (now Mrs Emerson), as well as her father, are disposed to make a sale of all her interest in the Island of Key West, or would willingly at a moderate valuation, or would willingly sell any ^{portion} ~~part~~ to persons who are desirous of becoming settlers, thereby having a tendency to increase the valuation and prosperity of the island. - but they are averse to the idea of selling the most valuable ^{water} lots, as by so doing they may not be able so readily to find a purchaser for the balance. On referring to your letter of the 15th Jan^y 1833 to me on the subject of this property, we find these remarks, given us as the views of Mr. Fleming as expressed to you at the time of executing his will. - On "We conceive it necessary thus early to inform you what were the views of Mr. F. relative to this property, and to offer our advice for the further enhancement of its value - on reference to the map of this town, you will perceive he owned lots ^{no} in squares 2 & 3 to which (from the limited number of water lots, in front of which wharves can be built, which are only 10 in number in squares 2 & 3) he attaches a value of about \$3000. - these are the salt pond lots, he wishes us to hold, but of all others he recommended sales when they could be affected to persons who would improve them."

As it was Mr. Fleming's ^{with} opinion, ^{before} that these lots ^{should be} held, and for the reasons ^{expressed}. Mrs Emerson would decline

accepting the offer named by you, with a hope by so doing
she may more readily find a purchaser for the whole of her
interest.

With much respect to
J. A.

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Wm. A. Whitehead Esq

Key West

Sir,

I am in rect of your favr of the 15th Nov. the contents of which hv been communicated to the friends of Mrs. Fleeming.

Mrs. Fleeming (now Mrs. Emerson) as well as her father, are disposed to make a sale of all her interest in the Island of Key West ~~or would willingly~~ at a modest valuation, or would willingly sell any portions ~~lots~~ to persons who are desirous of becoming settlers, thereby having a tendency to increase the valuation and prosperity of the island – but they are averse to ~~the idea of~~ selling the most valuable water lots, as by doing so they may not be able so readily to find a purchaser for the balance.

On referring to your letter of the 15 Jany 1833 to me on the subject of this property, we find these remarks, given us as the views of Mr. Fleeming as expressed to you at the time of executing his will – vis – “We conceive it necessary this early to inform you what were the views of Mr. F. relative to this property expressed to us at the time of executing his will, and to offer our advice for the further enhancement of its value – on reference to the map of this town, you will perceive he owned lots no. [torn] in square no. 2 & 3 to which, (from the limited number of water lots, in front of which wharves can be built, which are only 10 in number in squares 2 & 3) he attached a value of about \$3000 – these and the salt pond lots, he wished us to hold, but of all the others he recommended sales when they could be affected to persons who would improve them” As it was Mr. Fleeming’s opinion & wish that these lots ~~had better be~~ should be held, and for the reasons ~~above~~ before expressed, Mrs. Emerson would decline

accepting the offer named by you with a hope by so doing
she may more readily find a purchaser for the whole of her
interest.

With much respect,

JRA

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