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A. T. ...

Dear Sir,

Taking for granted that you still have some interest in our island I venture to intrude on your very valuable time. Since you left us we have been to Chicago to attend the wedding ceremony of daughter Carrie and visiting numerous friends, have returned feeling better for the trip - Our son Walter and Stella will stay at home with us this winter.

Our crops are very good. The barrels are full. The horses and cattle come down to see us occasionally to keep up the acquaintance - and get some salt - all looking bright and plump as seals - and the pigs are doing their best to turn a dozen bushels of corn every day into pork - We are gradually gathering ourselves together for the winter.

We have had several visitors since you
were here. Two of these representing the
largest owners of land here - aside from
those who came in the interest of the Van
Palkburgh Estate, just prior to your
coming - Mr Mann of Mann Bros Mill
Truckee who bought the Peace lands of
3000 acres, lying mostly on the French
portion of island two years ago. He had
a party surveying the land and standing
timber for the purpose of letting contracts
for cutting for their factory at Iron River
Ark. Mr Bush has just left us who
has been here to look after the Waterman
lands. He was not very communicative
claiming not to know what Mr Waterman
desired to do, but said he should advise
his putting the lands into market, and
at last asked me if I would not buy
them. I replied that I had not thought
of anything of the kind, but might
entertain a proposition if he desired

to sell. I probably will hear from someone
sooner or later.

I have not heard directly from
Mr Murray, the agent of the Peabody
Estate of Lockport N.Y. but saw Mr Daly
of Lawrence City - the mill man whom
he brought here to look at the timber. He
said he thought he should not buy the
lands as too large a proportion was cleared
not timber enough to justify setting up a
mill, unless he could get other timber on
the island. There are indications favoring
the rapid settling of the island. Could
the land title question be settled. I have
Mr Leduc here working for me this
winter. American - the best man I have had
who want to get land and settle here, also
a German and his family from Grand
Rapids Mich. who want a farm and he has
Mr Holland friend who want to come
wanting cheap lands and who has some
money. There are about 5000 aced on

which I have tax titles, about 2000 of
which is timbered. If you and your
friends care to investigate this matter further
I suggest this plan for your consideration
to pay up the taxes to date, take possession
iron put on sheep, cut wood park & timber
fencing a little on every description, and
await results. Settling such other claimants
in the future. You can divide these lands
among such purchasers as you choose giving
me equal proportion to the amount paid
and if you could attend to the law part
of the business I could attend to matters
here. Of course you know something of the
value of the land, the timber and head
parks. I could get out a considerable amount
of wood and logs this winter if I was
thought best, as well as bark next summer.
If several parties were interested in this
matter, a few hundred for each would suffice
to secure the lands and probably the sooner
the thing could be accomplished the better.

I was in hopes you could make the
intended visit. Hoping to hear from you
at your earliest convenience and with kind
regards to your family I remain
Yours very truly
H. R. Bradburn
per
S. J. Q.

P.S. We are in receipt to two copies of
"The Advance" for which we suppose we are
indebted to you. We are reading "Kangaroo"
with much interest. many thanks.