

Jan. 27, 1908.

Hon. J. E. Wannamaker
St. Matthews, S.C.

Dear Sir:-

I will reply to your letter at once. I am very fortunate in having the information in hand so that I can give you definite figures.

The more I think about the suggestion of using ten or twelve of our convicts on the land at Summerville, the more I am inclined to believe that it is the best plan to pursue. The railroad fare from Clemson College to Summerville is \$7.65, and for ten men the cost will be \$76.50. The following represents the cost of boarding these men per month:

10 Bu. meal	\$8.00
120 Lbs. Bacon	12.00
10 Gal. molasses	4.00
Extras, such as flour, peas, etc.,	6.00
	<u>\$30.00</u>

One night guard, \$12.00 wages, and \$4.00 board. Mr. McCrackin, foreman in charge of men during the day, \$75.00 per month. This, therefore, gives a total of \$121.00 expenses per month at Summerville. Adding the \$76.50 railroad fare, we have \$197.50 for the first month.

I have by this mail written to Mr. Richards of the Southern Railway Company, asking him to rent us the section boss house on our property. I am in hopes that he will give us the use of this building, and if so, this will save the erection of a rough shanty. Mr.

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Shanklin tells me that this is about a four room house so that the entire force of convicts and the guard can occupy this building during the time that work is going on in digging these ditches. I shall try to get Mr. Richards to rent us this building, and to put an estimate upon its value if he desires to sell.

I will carry out your request in regard to getting up the necessary data concerning buildings for a model experiment station, and will consult with the officials here who are familiar with this sort of work.

So far as Mr. Kelsey is concerned, I think it would be wise not to correspond with him any further in reference to the improvement of the campus and the property at Summerville until we get a decided answer from Senator Tillman. As I stated in my former letter, I sent all of these papers to Senator Tillman for his information.

I have been talking with Mr. Lewis about the amount of work that these convicts will be able to accomplish in digging these ditches, and he tells me that in heavy work like the ditch along the road, they can handle ten yards per day. In the lower ditches, he thinks that they can dispose of about fourteen yards per day. I can only give this as Mr. Lewis' opinion, but very likely it will be of service since he has had charge of contract work on the railroad. There will be about eight thousand yards of earth to remove, so Col. Shanklin informs me on the one hundred and ten acres. I believe you have his estimates and it will be very easy for you to get the correct figures from Mr. Shanklin's report and the calculation will be very easy.

Very truly yours,

PHM.NBW

President