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Mr. H. P. Burton,
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My dear Mr. Burton:-

I have been a poor letter writer since I have been down here, but the truth is, I have been so driven that I have done very little except the things that were absolutely necessary and the wire is so simple.

I am afraid that I have made you a great deal of trouble about the second chapter. The truth is, I lost my bearings, partly because I was expecting you from week to week and thought we would talk it over, and partly because the week that I was getting the chapter into shape I was ill.

The Florida climate is a much more delightful institution than I had dreamed, but in spite of the circulars it does not make up for physical limitations, at least in my case. So you see I did the work with a rather muddled mind. I hope as it goes out now the chapter is fairly satisfactory.

Our "What Next" is the developing and colonizing of land. There is no manner of doubt about that. The best men I talk with here are realizing that useful as the tourist is, you can not build a permanent State on him. There are some really remarkable things doing all they have one of the best agricultural departments and most interesting and thorough experimental stations that I have ever come across. I have some running around to do, visiting some of the really sound agricultural undertakings and taking another look at the Everglades problem, then I am going back to Gainesville where the Agricultural College is, and do the third chapter. I think this article will fit well into our title. If I get you the copy by the 20th of April will do. I am hurrying my travel as much as I can, but you can get only about so much into a week.

Now as to a fourth chapter:- You suggest in your telegram of March 24th an open letter to Congress on National Scientific Colonization. I think we had better study the situation in Washington before we decide. The Land Bureau is trying to do some good work. Possibly we might, with their help, frame a letter which would stir Congress to give more effective backing than I fancy it is now doing, but I would not dare to pronounce on that without talking it over with the men in the Interior Department. Possibly it would be wise for you

to go yourself to Washington and talk the matter over. I could meet you there when I get away from here. In any event I cannot take on anything that would consume much time. You know I am working on stolen time now!

Since I began dictating this letter your generous telegram has come telling me that the full second chapter was there, and that you all liked it. You don't know what a satisfaction it is have so cordial a reception of what I had done. I am hoping the third chapter will be the most interesting and important of the three.

You say in your telegram that you are coming on, but I am sending this letter in spite of that. You see I have rather lost faith in your promises, but you will be mighty welcome if you appear.

Cordially yours,