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Elizabeth City, N. C. 5/17/066

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1926. How Elizabeth City Taxpayers Are Being Mulcted

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Now you may see genuine photographic farsimile reproductions of the famous sand and gravel letters of L. nder his hat "please."

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Much has been said about certain sensational letters written by L. B. Culpepper of Elizabeth City in connection with the city,s recent deal for 200 to 400 tons of gravel. Here then are the letters, obtained by this newspaper with great difficulty and presented for the information of its readers.

Photographic factimiles of the letters slightly reduced are reproduced here. They make interesting reading. They show how city contracts may be padded to provide secret commissions to influential citizens who represent themselves as having the "inside track" with city officials.

A history of the letters is in order. To begin with, on May 11, 1926 W. H. Freeman, a Norfolk, Va. dealer in sand and gravel gave City Manager Miles W. Ferebee a low bid of \$1.60 a ton for certain gravel delivered at lizabeth City on bay barges.

This bid was not considered in the final letting because of the excessive cost of unloading the gravel from bay barges and putting it on the streets. Bay barges have decks and the gravel has to be removed thru hatches, requiring much labor.

It was on May 11, 1926-that Mr. Freeman placed his bid in the hands of the City Manager.

On May 12, 1926 Mr. Culpepper wrote the following astounding letter to Mr. Freeman, a facsimile of which is printed above :---

> Read This Carefully May 12, 1926.

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Dear Mr. Freeman? Suplementing our telephone conversation of a few minutes ago with reference to Clay Gravel for The City of E. City. Mr. Ferebee The City Manager just came around to see us and advises that you made him a price of \$1.55 per net ton delivered, which seems to be a very good price but before he would go any further with the matter with you for me to get in touch with you and see if you wouldn't allow us 15c per commission to-be divided tween Brother Ferchee and my self which would be three ways and of course Mr. Ferebee couldn't be known in the proposition and don't let him know that he is connected atall in the matter at no time in any conversation or correspon feel you can do this without very much sacrifice and I am sure if you do this the deal will go through all o. k. I have also been in touch with the Camden Highway Comm. today. They are going to build 15 miles of clay gravel roads and I feel sure I can sell them your material, we could also use barge transportation for delivering this material. We can get a better price on this material I think to and in fact I know we can so you see you wont be loosing anything by allowing us 15e on the City material, please write me at once just what you will do at once. Keep this under your hat please.

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AN ENTIRE WEEK

By D. V. MEEKINS

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know more speech of the day. With their smoke showing on the That's ble for Cal- consequence, will steam into the Hampton Roads Naval Band of Nor- ing the bulk of their wealth for ped at The Independent office long about the Ku Klux in the South, presidental placid waters off Fort Raleigh. Here folk, will float thru the trees, From automobiles, gas tires and automowith an in- they will drop anchor. The rattle hundreds of threats patriotic songs bile parts made in other parts of is going to hell if he doesn't repent ake one of chains in the hawse pipes, and and hymns will rise, as the flags bolidge the roar of a cannon from a Govern- of two countries flutter out on the ment ship, will resound from the breeze and to the top of the tall nish glasses the same day. See Drs. Science, wooded shore and towering rand

Will Gather August 18

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Thousands Expected

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Over Six Thousand People Expected to Visit

Spot Where Many National Notables

the Norfolk, Va. assembly plant of the Ford Motor Co. shows they sounded when Ralph Lanes that this one plant has placed first colony in 1584, cast anchor and 36,000 Ford cars in 76 Virginia was met by friendly Indians. and North Carolina counties As the vessels approach the an- in the first 15 months of its Everything is in readiness chorage, a hundred yards or so off operation. This is an economic

sail, beginning Monday, and ing craft of the natives, will swift- fact of supreme importance. The money for these 26,000 ly emerge from the shore, led by a power surfboat, and two life boats. Fords goes out of 75 of the 76 internment and the same attend the Dare County Home- manned by the famous Nags Head counties never to return. And that sown affairs that other coming, the principal event of Coast Guards, under the direction isn't the last of it. The owners which will be the celebration of Capt. Walter Etheridge, who will of these 36,000 Fords and the own hasten to meet the visitors. The ers of thousands of other cars in has can not do anything of the Birthday of Virginia boats, carrying 25 to 30 passengers, these same counties are spending net. Politicians are not Dare on Wednesday, August apiece, will take the thousands in millions annually for gasoline. nt: politicians are sim- 18 beginning at 11:30 o'clock short order from the steamers to motor oils, tires, parts and acces Their schemes, their and lasting an hour and a half the Fort, where along a shady road-sories producted in other States make their way for a short distance tribution sell 2,000,000 gallons of Transportation men in Elizabeth to the wooded glen where Virginia gasoline a month for automotive pressure of great econ- have assured ample steamer ser- Dare was born and baptised under use in the Elizabeth City territory. Millions of dollars annually go sail from this city on August 18, sheltered the Colony so mysteriously out of every Northeastern North Carolina county for automobiles

36,000 Ford Cars Bought By 76 Counties in 15 Months

A statement authorized by

Here under friendly trees on the and the things it takes to keep them

pipe, and the humble Irish potato and woodlands. Farm products, While millions of workmen in other

international, than have ever met the sole basis of most of our more commodities to swap for the before in Eastern North Carolina, wealth.

and many of these distinguished And we trade so much of our states, visitors will learn for the first wealth for the new and now altime, of the scenic beauty, charm most indispensable joy of individual CAPT. MIDGETT TELLS and enchanting atmosphere of their transportation that we don't have romantic, and historic section of the enough money left to pay our grocery bills, dry goods bills and

lift the mortgages on our homes. After the visitors have made their But the condition is one that way past the long tables and re-should cause no hopeless grief. The freshment stands under the oaks automobile is here to stay and peo-

and pines of the cool, green forest, ple are not going to go without the ceremonies of the day will open, them any more than they would go Lighthouse Keeper at Ridge, Md., presided over by the Rt. Rev. Joseph without clocks, sewing machines passed thru Elizabeth City this Blount Cheshire of Raleigh. The and cook stoves. Our problem is week to visit his old home on Roa- be the bloodiest war the world has the ex-vessels coming from all points of strains of patriotic airs, by the not to dissuade people from spend-noke Island. Capt. Midgett stop-

We examine the eye's and fur- Roman Cathelies, Evolutionists and

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Mr. W.H.Freeman, Va-Carolina Bldg., Norfolk, Vay

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 13th with reference to clay gravel for the City of Elizabeth City, and I am very sorry to advise that I was too late to head off your letter in giving quotation to the city on gravel as same had been turned over to the Council by Mr. Ferebee.

May 14th, 1936.

However, I wish I could have known of this earlier as I feel sure that we could have gotten a fair margin of profit out of this proposition, and nobody would have been the loser.

However, I appreciate very highly the 5¢ per ton that you have included for us and I assure you anytime we can do for you will be done with great pleasure. Don't hesitate to call on us for any favor we can render.

With best wishes, I am

LBC: B

Yours truly, Bayletten

The farmer Four large power boats wil leave soil where began our American civi- going. We pay for these motor In this letter Mr. Culpepper says "we could have gotten "a fair margin of profit and nobody would have He thinks Point Harbor, beginning at six lization, where the first celebrations cars, the gas, oil, the tires, the

the next come from Currituck and Norfolk, is now the United States took place, in other States mostly with the the country, but to produce more and Science," says Capt. Midgett ple are rushing into the Ku Kiux """ by Automobile, where parking space where mankind learned to smoke the products of our farms, fisheries wealth to swap for these things, are the three branches of the devil's and preparing themselves for the own church conspiring to undo God's great war."

will gather more dignitaries of high resources of most of our North- take our money away from us, we lives and souls of all of God's chil- sort of war and rearing to go when

and October.

GRAPES ON THE ISLAND

It is a singular circumstance that

the greatest crop of wild grapes in

years, is now growing on Roanoke

Island, the small bunch-grape var-

iety ripening in August, while the

larger black grapes, commonly call-

ed Fox grapes, ripen in September

The first settlers wrote in their

accounts that the island was over-

flowing with grapes, that were

growing to the very water, where

the surf was beating upon them. It

Eye strain causes wasted nerve

is literally true this year.

Capt. Midgett says the Roman do battle. wealth of these millions in other Catholic Church was founded by

the devil after the Lord had TREMENDOUS CROP OF thrown the devil out of heaven and put him here on earth with an army of 666 rebellious angels to do his OF THE NEXT WAR Capt. Midgett doesn't exwork. plain why God didnt drop the devil and his angels on Mars, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter or some other place

chance.

Because you can see well, it's no reason your headaches are not caused by your eyes. See Dri. Hath- energy. Let us look after your eyes. "Roman Catholicism Evolution away Hinton Bldg. . Cay. Drs. Hathamar Minton Bldg adv

Yours very truly, L. B. CULPEPPER. Camden will need about 75 M

Tons.

On May 13. Mr. Freeman replied to Mr. Culpepper as follows:

May 13, 1926. L. B. Culpepper Care Culpepper Hardware Co. Elizabeth City, N. C. Dear Sir.

Reference sand clay gravel for the city of Elizabeth City. Your letter of May 12, receiv-

cd and contents duly noted. While in Elizabeth City the other day, I gave Mr. Ferebee a price of \$1.55 net ton on sand clay gravel delivered F. O. B. bay barge along side dock, Elizabeth City. After getting back to Norfolk, and going into the barge situation I found it impossible to get out of Powells Creek with sufficient water enabling us to carry 800 to 900 tons due to the fact of having to dredge the channel. I wrote him a letter yesterday, stating that situation, withdrawing the price of \$1.55 quoting him (Continued on mare T

Says Christians In His Section Are Joining Ku Klux Klan For War on Catholics and give his Earth children a better Capt. Thos. P. Midgett, U. S.

of his ways and steer clear of

"The next war," says Capt, Midgett. "Will be between true Christians and the Catholics and it will ever known. I don't know much

became the friend of civilized man. timber and fish are the principal States are producing something to will upon earth and destroy the Capt. Midgett is strong for that