

ment to purchase the lands outright on Christianburg.

Q Was that offer acted upon?

MR. SMITH: I object to that as incompetent and

irrelevant.

THE EXAMINER: That is for the Christianburg tract?

MR. WHITLEY: Yes.

THE EXAMINER: I don't see that it is essential

to the balance of the proof you brought out.

MR. WHITLEY: Surely it is competent to show the

efforts that were being made by these interests to get back-

its properties.

THE EXAMINER: I gathered from the matter you brought

out they were a five hundred and one thousand acre tract.

MR. WHITLEY: This is another tract they were try-

ing to secure from the Democratic Government.

MR. SMITH: This is not, he has testified about

Autors and Benzie, they got that in evidence, and here,

because there was some controversy with the Democratic Executive

Company --

MR. WHITLEY: (interrupting) I will withdraw that

question and ask the witness another question.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q Is the Upland's had secured mining rights to the Christ-
ianburg Bauxite Deposits and the deposits on the Barbours River
for which you were negotiating, in what position in regard to