

of frequent discussion by you with the officers of that company during that period, isn't that true?

A It is not.

Q How often had you discussed it?

A I don't remember the question ever coming up but once.

Q And when was that?

A It was sometime early in 1917.

Q And at that time were you in favor of the acquisition of these two properties by the Demerara Company?

A I advised that they be purchased and I was told to lay off of it.

Q Who told you to lay off of it.

A Mr. Joseph A. King.

Q Was there some question of price at that time?

A I don't remember the details.

Q Do you remember this, that Mr. Hubbard the husband of the Mrs. Hubbard you talked about became insane?

A I believe the court record show he was incompetent to handle his property.

Q And there was a couple of curators appointed by the Court or by some other officer to take charge of his property?

A I believe that is true. I cannot say positively.

Q And there was a question as to whether or not a good title could be obtained to this property in view of that legal situation, was there not?