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"G. 12."
Letter, H. C. Humphrys to L. M. Hubbard, 30th December 1919 —*continued.*

you desire it, I would be quite willing to release you, I can not do so, unless the Demerara Bauxite Company release me, as I would be laying myself open to action for damages which I have no intention of doing.

I asked you in one of my recent letters to see me about this matter, but you have not done so, and it is obvious that you do not wish to see me for reasons best known to yourself.

The Demerara Bauxite Company have brought to my notice an advertisement of transport by Mrs. Van Sertima's executor to Mr. L. T. Emory, do you know anything about this matter? If so, please let me know the position, because as you are aware Mrs. Van Sertima's interest in the property was included in your sale to me the same having been bought by you previously.

I shall be glad to have an early answer from you.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. HUMPHRYS.

Mrs. L. M. HUBBARD,
301 Church Street,
Georgetown.

"J. 26."
Letter, H. C. Humphrys to G. J. de Freitas, 15th January 1920.

"J. 26."

Letter from H. C. Humphrys to G. J. de Freitas.

(Confidential.)

Georgetown, Demerara,
15th January 1920.

DEAR DE FREITAS,

Aurora and Semerie.

I MENTIONED to George King some days ago that it would be advisable I thought for both Emory and the Demerara Bauxite Company to come to some arrangement with respect to these properties which are causing every one especially myself so much trouble and annoyance.

The Demerara Bauxite Company have always said that their only object in wishing to obtain Aurora and Semerie was that it was situate between their properties and it was essential to have a right of way across these lands. The late Mr. McKenzie maintained that there was very little Bauxite on either properties and that they were not worth purchasing.

I have had a long talk with Mr. Emory and Mr. Abrahams about this matter and they assure me that while they have every desire to be on friendly terms with the Demerara Bauxite Company they are determined if possible to secure these properties not so much on account of the bauxite on the lands because they agree with Mr. McKenzie that there is not a great quantity but because the lands are freehold property and they want them as a sort of base in the event of their obtaining Government Concessions.

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If the Opposition is withdrawn Emory is willing to give the Bauxite Company a right of way across these properties whenever they wish it provided of course it does not cross over any bauxite area the choice of this right of way would it seems to me be an easy matter for the engineers to fix up and if the Demerara Bauxite Company cannot at present choose the tract an agreement can be entered into giving them the right to have it when they require it. The cost of such a right of way to the Company would be practically nominal and they would save $11,200.

The above I think is a sound proposal and would put an end to all litigation over the matter but I want you to appreciate that while I feel sure that I can arrange a settlement with Emory before Peotter who is due here within the next 3 or 4 days arrives. I cannot undertake to do so after he arrives as his attitude towards the Company may be hostile Emory however is prepared to take the risk of Peotter's and his other principals disapproval of his action and have the matter definitely fixed up before they get here.

Please understand that I am not writing this on Emory's instructions as I am of course in no way acting for him in this matter and I shall expect you to treat this letter as confidential.

Let me again impress upon you the necessity for urgency and decisive action as the situation may and in all probability will completely change on Peotter's arrival.

I will discuss this further with you if you wish.

Yours sincerely,
H. C. HUMPHRYS.

P.S.—I fear from what I have seen of Abraham that it will be impossible to arrive at any compromise after proceedings are commenced.

H. C. H.

"J. 27."
Letter, H. C. Humphrys to G. J. de Freitas, 16th January 1920.

"J. 27."

Letter from H. C. Humphrys to G. J. de Freitas.

Georgetown, Demerara,
16th January 1920.

(Confidential.)

DEAR DE FREITAS,

Aurora and Semerie.

PURSUANT to our interview yesterday I saw Mr. Emory and Mr. Abraham as regards Vryheid's Lust (or whatever the place is called) and they informed me that the position is as follows :—

They were approached by certain claimants with a view to their purchasing claims with respect to these properties and they are now in a position to deal with those parties at a moment's notice but have specially refrained from doing so as they do not wish to be in any way hostile to the Company or to harass or annoy them in any respect whatever unless there is going to be a fight over Aurora and Semerie in which event of course