

To Real Estate Board DATE June 13, 1921 SHEET NO. 3.

I am also sending to you enclosed herewith copies of the following letters written to Mr. John Ridgely of H and Mr. Otho E. Ridgely under date of January 2, 1912 in which Mrs. Ezra B. Whitman, then President of the Water Board sent them copies of options the City held on 35 acres of land belonging to Mr. John Ridgely of H, at \$400.00 per acre and 540 acres of land of Mr. Otho E. Ridgely at \$300.00 per acre. These options, however, were never closed by the City, as you will note from a copy of a letter sent by Mr. Ezra B. Whitman, then President of the Water Board under date of January 30, 1912 to Mr. John Ridgely of H and Mr. Otho E. Ridgely.

Letter from Mr. Ezra B. Whitman, then President of the Water Board under date of April 18, 1912 to Mr. Otho E. Ridgely in which the latter was offered \$125.00 per acre for 540 acres of land preliminary to condemnation.

Letter from Mr. Ezra B. Whitman, then president of the Water Board under date of April 23, 1912 to Mr. John Ridgely of H offering \$150.00 per acre for 49½ acres of land preliminary to condemnation.

Letter from Mr. Otho E. Ridgely dated April 24, 1912 declining the offer of \$125.00 per acre.

I am also sending you a copy of the form of option prepared by the Law Department and used by Mr. Whitman in his negotiations for properties in the Gunpowder Valley in the winter of 1911-12.

You will note that about all these options amounted to was an offer to sell land to the City and that these options were not binding until approved by the Water Board and Board of Estimates.

Yours very truly,

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

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Copy -Mr. Roland R. Marchant, City Solicitor.

" -Mr. J. W. Armstrong, Filtration Engineer.