Rappahannock County
Hampton District

NAME OF CLAIMANT

Manuel, R.E. Zimbel claim on Milles / Start Number of Acres: Location: Roads: Soil: History of Tract and condition of timber: Improvements: Acreage and value of types: **Total Value** Types Acreage Value per acre Slope: Cove: Grazing Land: Cultivated Land: Orchard: Minerals: Value of Land: \$ Value of Improvements: \$ Value of Orchard: \$ Value of Minerals: \$ Value of Timber: \$ Value of Wood: \$

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$ NONE

Value per acre for tract: \$

This is covered in the J. J. Miller estate report and is satisfactory to Mr. Manuel.

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NAME OF OWNER

Iles, Alfred B.

Number of Acres:

Location: ---

Mining lease on 1000 acre tract.

Roads:

Soil:

History of Tract and condition of timber:

Improvements:

Acreage and value of types:

Types

Acreage

Value per acre

Total Value

Ridge:

Slope:

Cove:

Grazing Land:

Fields Restocking:

Cultivated Land:

Orchard:

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Fruit: \$

Value of Timber: \$

Value of Wood: \$

There is no evidence before us as to any potential value. We have given Mr. Iles every opportunity to procure some evidence of mineral value, but has failed to do so.

> Geo. H. Levi, Clerk-Appraisal Comm'rs.

Value per acre for tract: \$

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$ NONE

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#54 - Miller, J.J.-Est. (Lep or

Number of Acres:

3534

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Ridge:	682	@	.75	\$511.50
Slope:	2791.	@	2.50	6977.50
Cove:	56	@	5.00	280.00
Grazing Land:	5	@	12.00	60.00
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Minerals:
Value of Land: \$ 7829.00

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Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Fruit: \$

Value of Timber: \$ 6447.00

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\$14276.00

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 4.03

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$

Timber right claimed by Wm. H. Grannis

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#54 - J.J.Miller Estate

Acreage Claimed:

3590 A

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Value Claimed:

\$103,856.00

\$6297.00 Consideration: Not

Available

Location:

This tract lies along the top and on the high east slopes of the Blue Ridge. It extends from a point near Jenkins Gap on the north to the Little Devil's Stairs Run on the south, a distance of approximately five miles. It varies in width from 22 miles at the north end to a mile at some points on the southern part of the tract. It is a part of a larger tract, the residue of which lies on the opposite side of the mountain in Warren County. All of the tract situated in either county is entirely within the Park area.

Incumbrances, counter claims and laps: A claim has been filed with the Clerk of the Court by Alfred B. Iles for \$20,000 representing the value of a mineral lease on 1000 acres of this tract. It is understood also, that R.E. Manuel purchased 50 acres of this tract on the west side of Big Devil Stairs Run adjoining his other land outside the Park area and says that he has no deed but states that the J. J. Miller heirs have agreed to pay and he has agreed to accept whatever may be awarded as the price per acre for the J. J. Miller tract. So far as known there are no disputed boundary lines on any part of this tract.

Soil:

The character of the soil varies. At the lower elevation it is a sandy loam of fair depth and fertility with many rock outcroppings. There are some extensive areas, notably those along the Devils Stairs and Little Devil's Stairs Runs which are steep rocky gorges, covered with loose rocks and boulders. The soil along the top of the Blue Ridge is thin and rocky and between this and the lower edge of the tract are many gradations. The small area of cove type is accounted for by the fact that this type does not extend up on the mountains a sufficient distance to reach this tract at more than one point and then only to a limited extent.

Roads:

Two old roads on a fairly uniform grade, now only very little used, cross the tract in a general north and south direction. The western most is the Gravel Spring Road and the one on the east side of the tract is the Jenkins Gap Road. Both roads were used extensively for hauling the bark from this tract to Browntown about 30 years ago. More recently the Jenkins Gap road has been used to transport apples from the Julia M. Settle orchard to the macadam road at the same point. Numerous old haul roads may be found throughout the tract. Lands of adjoining owners must be crossed in most cases to reach county road in order to haul timber products from this tract.

#54 - J.J.Miller Estate

History of tract and condition of timber: This tract originally had on it a heavy stand of chestnut oak timber which was cut 30 to 40 years ago. Repeated forest fires have interfered with the young timber growth which started on the cut over areas. The present stand is composed of the timber from which the chestnut oak was culled. At the higher elevations where the percentage of chestnut oak was large the stand is very light. At the lower elevations the percentage of chestnut oak was lower and the remaining stand is correspondingly heavier.

In 1922 the owner, the late J.J.Miller, sold the remaining merchantable timber on this tract to H. W. Grannis. It is understood that the consideration was \$10.00 per acre for all merchantable timber products and that the timber rights expire May 3, 1932. Logging operations were started at the east end of the tract in some of the most accessible timber and conducted less than a year.

Some prospecting for copper ore has been done west of Thoroughfare Gap but no actual mining operations have ever been undertaken. A 25-year mineral lease on an area of 1000 acres was executed last year and it is for the rights under this lease that the lessee has filed a claim of \$20,000.

Timber:

A careful estimate of the merchantable timber shows a total stand of 2,965 M. feet B.M. of saw timber of which 1,741 M. feet are considered accessible and can be operated without financial loss to the operator. The proportion by species is Poplar and Basswood 40%, White, Red and Black Oak 40% and Hickory and other species 20%. The accessible timber is appraised at \$2.90 per M. feet on the stump. The inaccessible has been assigned a nominal stumpage of \$1. per M.

\$3.58

Acreage and value of land by Type	Value	Total
Types: Acresge:	Per A.	Value
Ridge 682	.75	\$511.50
Slope 2716 Cove 56	2.00	5432.00
Fields grazing 5	12.00	60.00
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Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Fruit: \$

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Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 4.08

incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$

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Value of Orchard: \$	
Value of Minerals: \$	
Value of Fruit: \$	
Value of Timber: \$	
Value of Wood: \$	
Value per acre for tract: \$	

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$

Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

State Commission on Conservation and Development,

V.

Mrs. Evelyn Tyler Miller, Julia M. Settle, M. M. Booth, C. B. Miller, George Tyler Miller, Henry T. Miller, William Arthur Miller, B. F. Miller.

TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY:

The above named petitioners represent:

1st: Mrs. Evelyn Tyler Miller is the widow of John J. Miller, deceased, and your other petitioners are his heirs at law and as such hold in common and undivided right a tract of land lying in Warren and Rappahannock Counties, consisting of six thousand one hundred and sixty three acres, of which two thousand five hundred and twenty three acres lie in Warren County and three thousand six hundred and forty acres lie in Rappahannock. The land, however, is one tract and in proceedings in Rappahannock for the partition of the John J. Miller Estate was by the order of the court held in common and undivisable as necessary to protect the best interests of said successor in title.

2nd: By proceedings had in this court alleged to
be under the authority of chapter 410, Acts 1928, the State Commission on Conservation and Development is seeking to take by
condemnation that portion of said tract as is in the County of
Rappahannek
Werren. By orders of this court M. Lohr Capper, M. L. Price and
George H. Levi are appointed special investigators and a board of
appraisal commissioners to ascertain all facts pertinent to said
tract and the compensation to be paid to your petitioners.

3rd: Under Section 8 and Section 29 said special investigators and boards of appraisal, acting individually or as a board, may resort to any source of information which they may deem proper and "hear any statement or expression of opinion made under oath or not under oath, by any person, whether such person is or is not interested in the fact or facts they are seeking to ascertain and determine."

Notwithstanding the courts of Virginia have condemned such methods this statute sets such decisions at naught and denies to your petitioners in the protection of their property rights the equal protection of the law and the guaranties of the Bill of Rights of Virginia and of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

ath: The said special investigators and special appraisers have made their report in which contrary to any otherwise legal evidence before them they have grossly misdescribed said tract and have undertaken to ascertain the compensation to which petitioners are entitled so grossly inasequate as to show that said board or some of them were influenced by partiality or gross mistake of law as to the nature and effect of the evidence with reference to which such finding or fingings were made. Your petitioners charge that such findings were based on hearsay statement, rumors and exaggerations from unknown parties authorized by this statute and not upon legal evidence such as judicial boards can only act upon.

5th: The tract of land is valuable for its timber, for its mineral deposits and in addition thereto much of the tract is fine blue grass grazing land.

6th: William H. Grammer, who owes petitioners approximately \$46,000 with interest from the 3rd day of May, 1922 for the timber rights alone is now prosecuting in the United States District Court for the Western District his claim to the timber rights.

7th: Petitioners have filed their claim in the record, which fairly states the amount they are entitled to recover as compensation for their property.

8th: Petitioners pray that this court will wholly disregard said report of said special investigators and special appraisers,

(1) Insofar as the statute prescribes the weight to be attached thereto it is an invasion by the legislature of the province of the court;

- (2) That petitioners are not afforded a day in court for the proper consideration of their rights, when before the special investigators or boards of appraisers the statute authorizes and directs the consideration of wholly improper and prejudicial evidence, and, when they come into this court, the statute binds the court by the weight it directs to be attached to the report of such a board;
- (3) The compensation to petitioners is confiscatory as fixed by these special investigators and appraisers;
- (4) Petitioners rely upon the guaranties of the Bill of Rights of Virginia Constitution, and of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States;
- (5) Petitioners pray that the court will summon a jury to ascertain the compensation due petitioners.

Mrs. Evelyn ylu Mille
G. B. Willer Benge Tyler Miller
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1932.

Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Petition & Exceptions of John J. Miller Heiss -

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VS No 149.

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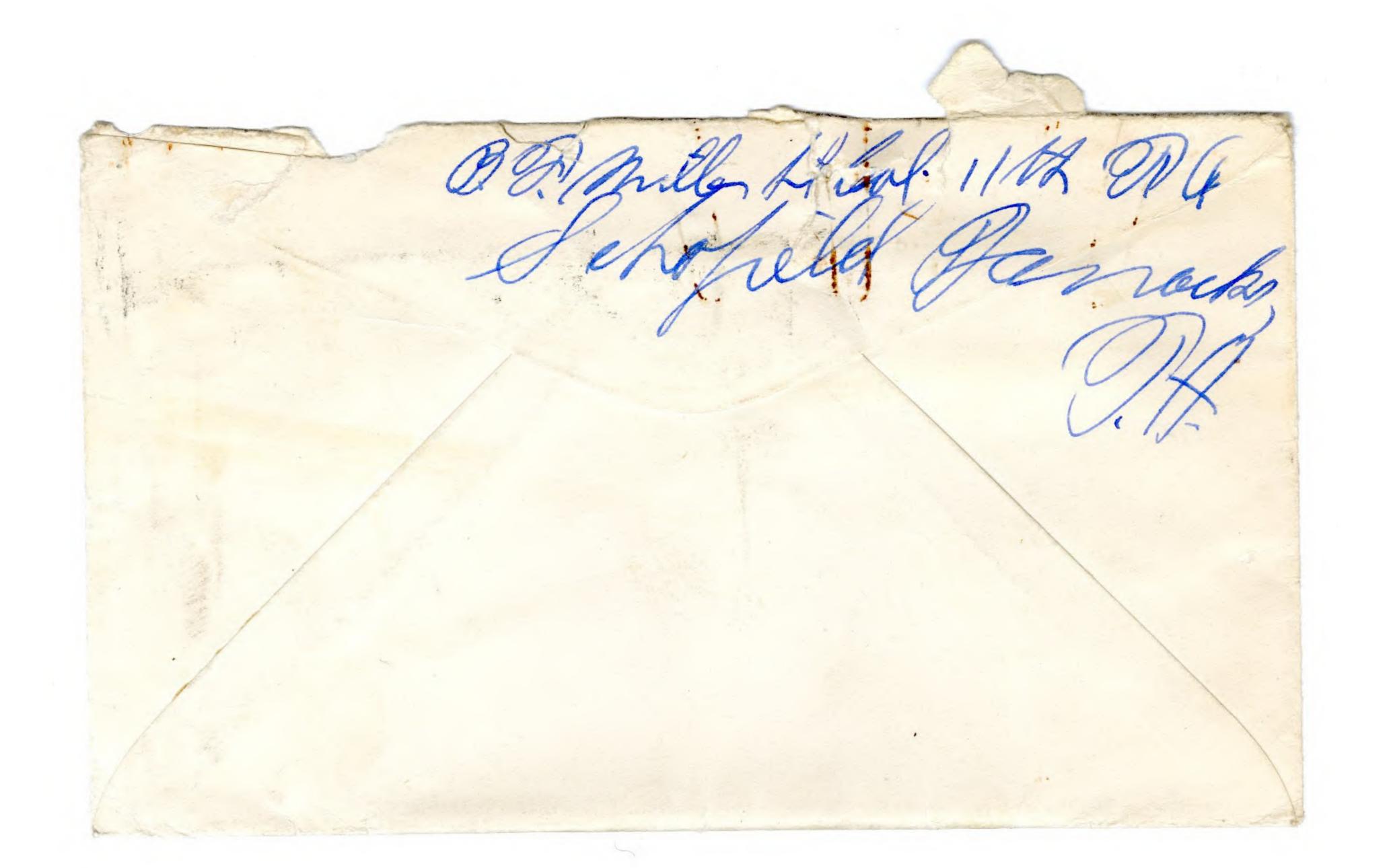
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	Claim of W.A.Miller, et als.
	In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, No. 149, At Law. The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Peti-
	tioner, vs. Clifton Aylor et als., and 37, 400 acres
	more or less, of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Defendants. The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, and in response to the notice of condemnation awarded upon the filing of said petition and published in accordance with the order of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this
Henry	as his answer to said petition and to said notice. My name is W.A.Miller, in own right and as agent for B.F.Miller. T.Miller, Julia M.Settle, G.T.Miller, N.M.Booth, C.B.Miller & T.Miller: My Post Office Address is Washington, Virginia.
	I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about3_590_40_acres, on which there are the following
	buildings and improvements:
	X, 03, 4
	This land is located about 4miles fromWashingtonVirginia, in the Hampton &Magisterial District of said County.
	I claim the following right, title, estate or interest in the tract or parcel of land described above: (In this space claimant should say whether he is sole owner or joint owner, and if joint owner give names of the joint owners. If claimant is not sole or joint owner, he should set out exactly what right, title, estate or interest he has in or to the tract or parcel of land described above).
	Joint owner with above mentioned parties,
388	The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows: NorthJohn K. Marlow et als.
	SouthEarnest_Smoot_et_als.
	East F.D.Wood et als.
	West J.J.Miller ets. in Warren CO, et als.
	I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year_1924in the following manner:
	Inheritance from John J. Miller, dec.
	I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements there-
	on is \$103856.00 I claim that the total value of my right, title, estate or interest, in and to this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$
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	parcel of land but lying outside the Park area, which I claim will be damaged by the pro-
	posed condemnation of lands within the Park area, to the extent of \$_nothing.\
	Remarks. There is located upon a portion of this land a valuable
	Copper Deposit, the same being valued at the sum of \$50000.00,
	which is included in the above mentioned sum of 103856.00;
	Therefore the land and timber being valued at the sum of \$15.00per acre (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).
	Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 30" day
	of May , 1930. W. A. Mille agent
	STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF-Rappahannock, To-wit:
	The undersigned hereby certifies that W.AMiller in own right and as agent the above named claimant personally appeared before him and made oath that the matters and things appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief,
	thisday of, 1930.
	Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or
	Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

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to be condemned, containing about 14 A acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements:
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This land is located about 45 miles from fashing by Virginia, in the forum Magisterial District of said County.
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The State Commission on Conservation and Developement Commission, of the State of Virginia, Petitioner.

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37.400 acres, more or less of
land in Rappahannock and
Xarranx@xuntias, County, Va.
Defendants.

In the

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V.

Circuit Court for Rappahannock County, Virginia,

Notice of Condemnation

In law No.149.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF THE SAID COURT:

The Petition of William H. Grannis of Phildelphia, Pennsylvania, respectfully shows unto your Honor:

- 1. That he has an interest in and to certain timber; standing on the land of the John J. Miller Estate in that part of Rappahannonk County now being condemned for the purposes of a public park.
- 2. That it has just come to his knowledge of the intention of the State of Virginia to take over this timber for
 park purposes, and he desires to intervene as one of the dependants and to file his answer in this Honorable Court as in the
 Order of Publication he is advised to do.
- 3. Your petitioner therefore respectfully prays your Honor will pass an Order granting leave to him to file his answer to the claim of the plaintiffs in this Cause with permission to proceed as he is advised he should do.

And as in duty bound he will ever pray.

Hilliam Thomas Larkin

William H Bannis

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA S.S.

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of September, 1930, before me the Subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Pennsylvania
in and for the City of Philadelphia, personally appeared William
H. Grannis, the above petitioner and made oath in due form of law
that the matter and facts as set forth above are true.

In witness whereof I have signed my name and affixed my

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On the aforegoing Petition and Affidavit, it is ORDERED by the Circuit Court of Rappahannockt Go in law that leave is hereby granted William H. Grannis, the Petitioner, to file his answer in this Cause and that he be made a party defendant and proceed as he feels his best interest will be served.

ORDERED this day of September, 1930.

Claim of WILLIAM H. GRANNIS

In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, No. 149, At Law.

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, Vs. Clifton Aylor and others and Thirty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred acres of Land in Rappahannock County, Virginia, more or less, of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Defendants.

The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, and in response to the notice of condemnation awarded upon the filing of said petition and published in accordance with the order of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said petition to said notice.

My name is William H. Grannis.

My Post Office Address is 110 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Maryland, Room 402.

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract of timber growing on the land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 3590.50 acres, on which are the following:

This timber is located about three miles from Flint Hill, Virginia, in the Magisterial District of said County.

I claim the following right, title, estate or interest in the tract of timber on the land described above:

I am the sole owner, subject to certain Credits due to the Executors or heirs of John Miller's Estate.

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:

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I acquired the right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1922 in the following manner: by purchase from John J. Miller, now deceased.

I claim that the total value of this tract of timber with the improvements thereon is \$ /33,000 . I claim that the total value of its right, title, estate or interest, in and to this tract of timber with the improvements thereon is \$/33,0000

I am the owner of 3200 acres of timber on land adjoining the above trusher tract in tharren bounty Virginia.

To this Petition is attached a complete description of the timber by metes and bounds as described in the Deed of purchase by me and John J. Miller, recorded in the Land Records of Rappahannock County, Virginia,, and the same is set out in the Order of Publication as published in the Blue Ridge Guide as Nos. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108.

Witness my signature this 9 day of August, 1930.

William H. Frannis

STATE OF PHRGIAIA, COUNTY OF Philadelphia, to wit:

The undersigned hereby certified that William H. Grannis, personally appeared before him and made oath that the matters and facts appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his day of August, 1930. knowledge and belief, this 9

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My Commission Supires March 5, 1935

SAID TIMBER AND LAND BEING SITUATED IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE "BLUE RIDGE", DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT.

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N 20, 1/8 E 5.50 Chains to a stone pile on another cliff

N 18, W 11.00 Chains to a stone pile at a white oak stump, old corner.

N 1 , 1/8 E 16.50 Chains a chestnut oak stump 2 maples 1 birch, (at 9.25 chains cut road on this line leading to saw mill.
N 69, 7/8 W 8.56 Chains to 2 Chestnut Oaks stumps at the head of the "Big Stairs" a corner to R. M. Harris thence down the channel of the "Big Stairs" it being the line of said Harris. N 84, 1/4 W 1.79 Chains. S 33, 1/2 W 5.35 Chains. S 48, W 4.15 Chains. S 27, W 5.63 Chains. S 8,E 1.50 Chains. S 7, 3/4 W 3.53 Chains. S 25, 1/2 W 2.83 Chains. S 12,W 4.36 Chains. S 33,W 2.71 Chains. South 2.80 Chains.
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           2 pines marked as pointers,
N 81, 1/2 W 39.50 chains, (9 chains on this line a road) to a hickory,
           on Graverly Spring branch, thence down the Channel to said branch, (some call this the Star Branch)
           S 23 E 3.60 Chains,
S 34, 1/4 E 5.19 Chains,
S 30, 1/2 E 6.90 Chains,
S 19, 1/2 W 2.15 Chains,
           S 19, 1/2 W 2.15 Chains,
S 30 W 1.64 chains in the deepest part of ravine,
S 1 W 3.28 Chains head of upper falls,
           S 14 , 1/4 W 3.37 chains to head of second falls,
S 26 , 1/4 W 2.11 chains to the head of the 3rd falls,
S 9. 1/2 W 1.62 chains to a poplar at foot of falls a beautiful piece
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S 26, 1/2 W 1.75 Chains,
S 29 W 1.42 Chains,
S 17 W 1.36 Chains,
S 15 W 5.46 Chains,
S 3 W 1.33 Chains,
S 16, 1/2 W 4.40 Chains,
S 33 W .73 Chain,
S 22, 3/4 W 2.30 Chains,
S 27 W 1.79 Chains,
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            S 58 E (.13 Chains a point at a chestnut oak stump, 47 links from J.
            A. Keysers Poplar Corner of Partlow land,)
            Distance of line 2.00 chains,
            thence with the line of Keysers Partlow land,
S 80 W 4.56 chains to a pile of stones 35 feet of the Pullen spring,
             thence N 28 W 40.50 chains, to a chestnut oak on Graverly turn called
             for now a stump, S 69, 1/4 W 77.59 chains to a hickory on a large rock called the
             Norman Corner,
             (1.72 chains road, 12.27 with road, 19 chains edge of road,
             32 chains big branch some call it Dades Branch.
             48 chains to a point below spring on spindle flat, 68 chains to a point in the road leading to Graverly Spring,
             74.31 chains to a branch leading from Round Knob.
             76.72 chains to same road as described above,
S 54 W 26.36 chains to a hickory marked (old marks) at a spring near
             an old house, S 54 W. 31.90 chains to a pile of stones on another branch called
     Devil Stair Branch,
thence up the channel of said branch,
N 23 , 1/2 W 1.71 chain,
N 11 , 1/2 W 1.22 chain,
N 3 W 2.11 chain,
N 6 E 2.25 chains,
N 1 , 1/2 W 3.25 chains,
N 1 , 1/2 W 3.25 chains,
N 31 W 1.12 chain
N 15 , 1/2 W 1.65 chain.
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              to the Bailey land formerly enifee land sold by Boyle & boys to Bailey,
              thence with his line, leaving branch.
              N 5 E 170 poles to a spanish oak on top of the ridge a corner to Dr.
              Kelley, thence along the top of the mt. with the water shed as near as could be gotten on an average,
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S 83 E 9.53 chains a chestnut oak, N 70 , 1/2 E 21.25 chains a spanish oak, S 34 , 1/2 E 21.36 chains a stone pile, (at 12.68 chains to a point in a road,)
, 1/2 E 24.66 chains, a stone pile on a large rock. (at 15.00 chain out road) N 27, E 14.36 chains to a stone pile on a large round rock,
N 65, 1/2 E 17.00 chains to a pile of stone at a small chestnut oak,
S 41, 1/2 E 6.17 chains, to a pile of stones on a flat between 2 white N 62 , 1/2 E 4.69 chains to a birch near a bunch of chestnuts, S 81 , 1/2 E 10.98 chains to a chestnut (on this line crossed road several times,) N 25 E 9.32 chains to a pile of stones near a double spanish oak (crossed the same road again.) N 43, 1/4 E 29.56 chains to a pile of stones on the road leading to browntown.

N 69 , 1/2 E 14.44 chains to a white oak at a large flat rock,

N 88 , 1/2 E 8.33 chains to a pile of stones on a flat,

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N 21 E 12.36 a spanish oak,

N 70 , 3/4 E 7.33 chains to a white oak,

N 31 E 6.80 chains stone pile near "Hog wollow spring" this is a very fine spring to be so near top of mt. water enough to run an engine to saw with,
N 71, 1/4 E 6.07 a spanish oak,
N 6, 3/4 E 16.72 chains a stone pile,
N 27 E 21.43 chains a spanish oak,
N 74, 1/2 E 6.18 chains a hickory,
S 86, 1/2 E 4.76 chains a forked white oak,
N 57, 1/2 E 12.41 chains to a stone pile between a chestnut white mountain, S 46, 1/2 E 2.00 chains to a stone pile near a spanish oak, S 56 E 11.04 chains a spanish oak, S 28, 1/2 E 9.85 chains a small chestnut growing from an old stump S 63 E 12.29 chains to a point on the "Sprice Pine branch, same line continued to the distance of 13.57 chains to a walnut on the S. W. side of branch. thence down the branch, N 78 E 10.15 chains to a point in branch, S 61 E 4.95 chains to a point in branch, S 61 E 2.66 chains to a bunch of Butterwoods on the lower side of the Browntown road. S 29 , 1/2 E 1.81 chains to a point in the said road, S 53 E 8.43 chains to a pile of stones, S 25 , 1/2 E 3.37 chains to a pile of stones on road a corner to the lands of Geo. W. Fletcher, (now Carter, orchard Co.) or (Mt. Marshall orchard Co land) thence with the line of said road, S 17 . 1/2 E 3.86 Chains,

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S 21, 1/2 W 6.24 chains to a large rock on the lower side of the road
of thence leaving the road and the line of the Orchard Co. Land,
  S 53, 1/4 W 2.30 chains to a double poplar on what is known as the Coates road, at the Thourough Fare Orchard thence with said road, S 53 W 3.64 chains, S 50, 1/2 W 3.60 Chains,
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   s 85 ,
               3/4 W 7.91 chains to a stone pile on the lower side of
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   road near a large rock a corner of the land sold by Miller to Coates,
   thence with his line,
   Still with the said road also,
                 4.16 chains,
                4.65 chains to a point in said road, thence leaving road, 6.68 chains to a pile of stones in a rocky hollow.
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1316 CONTINENTAL TRUST BUILDING BALTIMORE, MD. Claim of WILLIAM H. GRANNIS

In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, No. 149, At Law.

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, Vs. Clifton Aylor and others and

Thirty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred acres of Land in Rappahannock County, Virginia, more or less, of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Defendants.

The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of

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My name is William H. Grannis.

My Post Office Address is 110 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Maryland, Room 402.

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract of timber growing on the land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 3590.50 acres, on which are the following:

This timber is located about three miles from Flint Hill, Virginia, in the Magisterial District of said County.

I claim the following right, title, estate or interest in the tract of timber on the land described above:

I am the sole owner, subject to certain credits due to the Executors or heirs of John Miller's Estate.

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:

North John K. Marlowe et al

South Ernest Smoot et al

East F.D. Wood et al

West J.J.Miller et al

I acquired the right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1922 in the following manner: by purchase from John J.Miller, now deceased.

I claim that the total value of this tract of timber with the improvements thereon is \$133,000.00. I claim that the total value of its right, title, estate or interest, in and to this tract of timber with the improvements thereon is \$133,000.00.

I am the owner of 3100 acres of timber on land adjoining the above timber tract in Warren County Virginia.

Petition- Filed April 7, 1930.

TO THE HONORABLE J. R. H. ALEXANDER, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Your petitioner, the State Commission on Conservation and development of the State of Virginia, alleges and shows:

1.

That it was created as an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia by an Act of General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 17, 1926 (Acts of 1926, page 307) which said Act was amended and re-enacted by the Act of Assembly of Virginia, approved March 26, 1928 (Acts of 1928, page 1154);

2.

That by the provisions of said Acts and an Act of General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 22, 1928, the short title of which is "National Park Act", petitioner is vested with the power of eminent domain to condemn for a public park or for public park purposes, land and other property, including dwelling houses, outbuildings, orchards, yards and gardens within the Blue Ridge Mountains area of the State of Virginia;

3.

That, acting under the power and authority conferred upon petitioner by the aforesaid Acts, petitioner purposes and desires to acquire for a public park and for public park purposes, under the provisions of said Acts and under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 23, 1928, the short title of which is "Public Park Condemnation Act" (Acts of 1928, page 1036), an area within the said Blue Ridge Mountain area of the State of Virginia, which said area and the approximate limits and boundaries thereof appear and are shown on a map thereof, which is herewith tendered and marked for identification "Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1", and prayed to be filed and read as a part of this petition;

That a portion of said area, which petitioner purposes and desires to acquire for the aforesaid purposes, lies within County of Rappahannock, State of Virginia, and within the area designated in said National Park Act, and described in the claim filed by William H.Grannis in this cause on Sept. 22,1930, as follows: bounded on the north by John K.Marlow, et als., on the south by Ernest Smoot, et als., on the east by F.D.Wood, et als., and on the west by J.J.Miller, et als., and containing 3590.50 acres, more or less.

The foregoing is a copy of so much of the Petition filed by The State Commission on Conservation and Development of of the State of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Rappa-hannock County, Virginia, on April 7, 1932, or so much thereof as requested to be made by William T.Larkin, attorney for the claimant, William H.Grannis.

Jas. M. Settle , Clerk.

Witness my signature this 9 day of Sept, 1930.
William H.Grannis

State of Pennsylvania, County of Philadelphia, to-wit:

The undersigned hereby certified that William H.Grannis, personally appeared before him and made oath that the matters and facts appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief, this 9 day of Sept. 1930.

(Notarial Seal)

Belle M. Tomlinson, Notary Public.

My commission expires March 5, 1933.

A COPY- TESTE:

Original Claim filed in the Clerk's Office of Rappahannock County, Virginia, on Sept. 22, 1930.

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A Copy-Teste: Rappahannook County,

NAME OF CLAIMANT.

Location:

This Tract lies along the top and on the high east slopes of the Blue Ridge. It extends from a point near Jenkins Gap on the north to the Little Devil Stairs Run on the south, a distance of approximately five miles. It varies in width from 2½ miles at the north end to ½ mile at some points on the southern part of the tract. It is a part of a larger tract, the residue of which lies on the opposite side of the mountain in Warren County. All of the tract situated in either county is entirely within the Park Area.

The character of the siol varies. At the lower elevation it is a sandy loam of fair depth and fertility with many rock outcroppings. There are some extensive areas, notably those along the Devil Stairs and Little Devil Stairs Run which are steep rocky gorges, covered with loose rocks and boulders. The soil along the top of the Blue Ridge is thin and rocky and between this and the lower edge of the tract are many graduations. The small area of cove type is accounted for by the fact that this type does not extend up on the mountains a sufficient distance to reach this tract at more than one point and then only to a limited extent.

Roads:

The old roads on a fairly uniform grade, now only very little used, cross the tract in a general north and south direction. The western most is the Gravel Spring Road and the one on the east side of the tract is the Jenkins Gap Road. Both roads were used extensively for hauling the bark from this tract to Browntown about 30 years ago. More recently the Jenkins Gap road has been used to transport apples from the Julia M. Settle orchard to the macadam road at the same point.

Numberous old haul roads may be found throughout the tract.

Lands of adjoining owners must be crossed in most cases to reacy county roads in order to haul timber products from this tract.

History of tract and condition of timber: This tract originally had on it a heavy stand of chestnut oak timber which was cut 30 to 40 years ago. Repeated forest fires have interfered with the young timber growth which started on the cut over areas. The present stand is composed of the timber from which the chestnut oak was called. At the higher elevations where the percentage of chestnut oak was large and stand is very light. At the lower elevations the percentage of chestnut oak was lower and the remaining stand is correspondingly heavier.

In 1922 the owner, the late J.J.Miller, sold the remaining merchantable timber on this tract to W.H.Grannis. It is understood that the consideration was \$10.00 per acre for all merchantable timber products and that the timber rights expire May 3, 1932. Logging operations were started at the east end of the tract in some of the most accessible timber and conducted less that a year.

Some prospecting for copper ore has been done west of Thoroughfare Gap, but on actual mining operations have ever been undertaken. A 25-year mineral lease on an area of 1000 acres was executed last year and it is for the rights under this lease that the lessee has filed a claim of \$20,000

Timber: A careful estimate of the merchantable timber shows a total stand of 2, 965 M. feet B.M. of saw timber of which 1, 741 M. feet are considered accessible and can be operated without financial loss to the operator. The proportion by species is poplar and basswood 40%, white, red and black oak 40% and hickory and other species 20%.

A Copy-Teste: ,Clerk. Rappahannock County, Va.

Filed May 18, 193-2

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner.

In the
Circuit Court
of Rappahannock Co.

VS

Clifton Aylor et al and 37000 Acres more or less of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia..... Defendants.

: Virginia. At Law

No. 149.

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To the Plaintiff and Messrs Weaver and Armstrong its Attormeys.

Please take notice that on the 15" day of June 1932 at 10 A.M..., we will file in the Clerks Office of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County at Washington, Virginia a petition a copy of which is hereto attached, in which petition it is prayed that this suit insofar as it relates to the claim of William H. Grannis be removed to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia; and that at the same time we will file also therewith a bond with sufficient surety, a copy of which is hereto attached; and that at said time or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard, we shall request the Court's approval of said bond and the granting of the removal as prayed in said petition, and also ask for such other and further relief as justice of the cause may require.

William T.Larkin Attorney for William H.Grannis, Claimant.

Service of the copy of the above notice and petition admitted this 14" day of June 1932, but such admission of service to be of no effect other than if said copy was served on me by an officer authorized to serve notices.

W.C.Armstrong, Atty for above named Petitioner.

Filed June 15, 1932.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That William H. Grannis of the city of Philadelphia. State of Pennsylvania, as principal and the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, in the penalty of five hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made to the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, its successors, we bind ourselves. our successors and assigns, jointly and severally and firmly by these presents.

Upon condition nevertheless that wheras the said William H. Grannis has filed his petition in the Circuit Court for Wexxxxxxxx County of Virginia for the removal of a certain cause therein pending in which the said The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia is the plaintiff, and William H. Grannis as a claimant and one of the defendants, to the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia.

Now if the said William H. Grannis shall enter in the District Court for the United States for the Western District of Virginia within thirty days from the date of the filing the said petition for removal a copy of the record in said suit and shall well and truly pay all costs that may be awarded by said District Court of the United States, if said Court shall hold that said suit was wrongfully or improperly removed thereto, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said William H. Grannis has signed his name and affixed his seal also the signature and seal of the said The United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co, by The Rappahannock County Realty Co. Atty in fact by its proper proper officer, this 26 Realty Co. Atty in fact

day of May 1932. Witness:

B.M. Tomlinson
Sworn to & subscribed this 26 day May, 1932-B.M. Tomlinson, N.P. County Realty Co, Atty in fact (SEAL)

My commission expires March 5, 1933.

Notarial

VS

Clifton Aylor et al and 37,000 acres, more or less At Law No. 149 of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Defendants.
Petition for the removal to the United States District Court for the District of Virginia.

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE BAID COURT.

The petition of William H. Grannis, of the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, by William T. Larkin his Attorney respectively submits;

- 1. That the action above entitled has been brought in Circuit Rappahannock Court for Extran County of Virginia, and that said action is still pending therein.
- 2. That said action is of a cival nature and that the matter and amount in dispute exceeds the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) exclusive of all interest and costs, as will appear from the claim filed in this cause.
- 3. That the controversy herein is between citizens of different States; that the plaintiff was at the time of the commencement of this suit and still is, a citizen fo the State fo Virginiaresiding in said State, and that your petitioner william H. Grannis was at the time of the commencement of this suit and now is a resident of the State of Pennsylvania, and a citizen of said State, residing in the City of Philadelphia and citizen of said City at this time.
- 4. That said action is returnable to the 18th day of xxxx, and your petitioner has 60 days from said Date to file exceptions to the report of the appraisal Commission, which time has not yet expired.
- 5. That your petitioner desires to remove this suit insofar as it relates to his claim filed in this cause before trial thereof into the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

6. That your Petitioner offers herewith a bond with good and sufficient surety for its entering into the District Court of the United States for the District of Virginia within thirty days from the filing of this petition, a certified copy of the record in this suit and for the paying all costs which may be awarded by the said District Court if said Court shall hold that this action was wrongfully or improperly removed thereto.

And your Petitioner therefore prays that this Court accept and approve this petition and said bond and surety and that this Court pass andorder approving and directing the removal of this suit into the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, persuant to the Statutes of the United States, and that no further pleadings or proceedings may be had in this Court in connection with the claim of the said William H. Grannis filed in this cause.

And your petitioner will ever pray etc.

William T. Rancin

Attorney for William H. Grannis.

William N. Greening

Petitioner.

State of Pennsylvania, SS City of Philadelphia.

I hereby certify that on this Day of May 1932, before me personally came William H. Grannis, the above patitioner, and made oath due form of law that the matters and things set out in the above petition are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this day above mentioned.

Belle M. Tomlinson

Notery Public.

(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires Marce 5,1933.

This Cause coming on for a hearing upon application of William H. Grannis, claimant in this cause for an order removing this cause to the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia at Law, and it appearing to the Court that the said William H. Grannis has given written notice to the Counsel of record for the plaintiff, together with copies of his petition and bond for removal as is required by law, and it further appearing that the claimant has filed his petition for such removal, duly conditioned with good and sufficient surety as provided by law, and it appearing further to the Court that this is a proper cause for removal to the United States District Court;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Rappahannock COUNTYSTATE OF Virginia this 15th Day DOODOOO of June 1932, that this cause insofar as it relates to the claim of William H. Grannis, is hereby removed to the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia and the Clerk of this Court is hereby directed to make up a certified copy of the Record of this suit as to the claim of William H. Grannis and transfer the : same to the District Court of the United States for the Western District at Harrisonburg, Virginia on or before thirty days from the date of this petition filed in this Court, and it is further ordered that the said petition and the bond tendered therewith be and they are hereby accepted and approved and that all further proceedings in this Court be stayed.

> J R H Alexander Judge Circuit Court Rappahannock County.

VIRGINIA: Clerk's Office of Rappahannock Circuit Court, June 15th, 1932. The foregoing vacation order was this day received in the said office and entered upon the Common Law Order Book of said Court as by law provided.

Teste: Jas.M. Settle, Clerk.

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner.

v.

Clifton Aylor and others and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred (37,400) Acres, more or less, of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia..... Defendants.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia.

I, Jas.M.Settle, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record and evidence in the foregoing suit as relates to the claim of William H.Grannis filed in said suit, and so much thereof as requested to be certified by me by W.T.Larkin, attorney for William H.Grannis.

Given under my hand this 5th day of July, 1932.

Clerk Circuit Court Rappahannock County, Virginia.

The State Communication of Consensation of Virginia. chftin agler et al. Fild July 7, 1932. kappannel form Rappannel comity Cirluit Court. # 239 - Law STATE COMMSSION on CONSERVATION and DEVELOPEMENT of the STATE of VIRGINIA. PETITIONER.

CLIFTON AYLOR and others and thirty-seven thousand FerresNDRED acres
more or less of land in Rappahannock | burg, Virginia.

County of Virginia. County of Virginia.

In the

District Court of the United State for the Western District of

To the Honorable,

John Paul.

Judge of the said Court.

Now comes William H. Grannis, one of the claimants to an estate in certain timber growing on the land of the J.J.Miller estate lying and being within that part of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and situated in Rappahannock County now being condemned by the petitioner acting under the act or acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 23rd. 1928, short title of which is " Public Park Condemnation" acts" (Acts of 1928 page 1036) and excepts to the findings of facts as to his claim, the said William H. Grannis as filed in this cause, and to the value thereof, and for h his reasons for said exceptions; says;

- That the findings are so manifestly inadequate when considered togather with the competant evidence produced by the exceptant before the Board of Appraisal Commissioners as to give rise to to the inference that the said Board of Appraisal Commissioners or some of them were effected or influenced by fraud, corruption, partiality or some error, mistake or misapprehention of facts as to the identity of the timber and land with reference to which such findings were made or some mistake of law as to the nature and effect of the evidence, with reference to which such findings were made; and
- That the findings were not responsive to the questions B. of fact or fatts of the value of the land or lands or timber growing on the lands or estate or the interest of the exceptant William H. Grannis therein or incidental damages which were submitted to said Board of Apprailers.

STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPEMENT OF THE STATE OF | District Court of the VIRGINIA. PETITIONER.

In the Unites States for the District of Virginia

VS

Clifton Ayler and others and 37.400 at Harrisonburg, Va. acres more or less of land in Rap- | In law. pahannock County of Virginia.

To the Honorable,

John Paul,

Judge of the said Court.

The claimant and one of the defendants in the above entitled cause prays a jury trial on quantum of damages or compensation. William J. Grandin

Attorney for Claimant.

This exception is permitted to be below subject to just objections Mov. 23/33. alex#239- Law.

In the District Court of the United States for the Destern District of Virginia.

State Commission on Conservation and development of the State of Virginia.

VS

GRITIONS

Clifton Ayler and others and 37.400 acres more or less of land in Rappahannock County Virginia.

Exceptions to the report of the appraisal commission etc.

Mr. Clerk: --

Please file etc.

Melliam & Lackin Atty. for Claimant, Grannis.

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Filed July 8, 1932 -16. S. Vodd. W.C.

LUCAS BROS., INC., BALTIMORE

VIRGINIA. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

The State Commission on Conservation &Development, of the State of Virginia, Petitioner,

v.

Clifton Ayler and others, and thirty-seven thousand, four hundred (37,400) acres, of land more or less, in Rappaharmock County, Va. defendants.

These claimants, Evelyn T. Miller, B. F. Miller, Henry
T. Miller, George Tyler- Miller, William A. Miller, C. B. Miller, Julia M.
Settle and Nannie M. Booth, in response to an order of His Honor, J. R. H.
Alexander, Judge of the Circuit Court of Rappaharmock County, entered in the
above matter on day of, 19, for
answer say:

1. That the undersigned are the claimants mentioned in said order:

2. That the several tracts or parcels of land within the area sought to be condemned, ownership of which is claimed by them, or in which they claim an interest, and with reference to which they have severally filed their objections, are the same tracts or parcels which were found by the Appraisal Commissioners to be the lands severally owned by them or in which they claim or appear to have an interest, as shown and delineated on said map, read together with said reports in exhibit sheets.

Evelyn T. Miller,
B. F. Miller,
Henry T. Miller,
George Tyler Miller,
William A. Miller,
C. B. Miller,
Julia M. Settle,
Nannie M. Booth.

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Counsel.

J.J. Miller Heirs

The State Commission on Conservation & Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner,

V.

Clifton Ayler, et als, etc. defendants.

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

Nov-1- 1932-

VIRGINIA. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

State Commission on Conservation & Development, Petitioner.

) Condemnation Proceedings

V. Order-

Mrs. Evelyn Tyler Miller, Julia M. Settle, H. M. Booth,
C. B. Miller, George Tyler Miller, Henry T. Miller and
B. F. Miller, ----- Defendants, and Objectors.

This day came the parties by their attorneys, before the Honorable J. R. H. Alexander, Judge of the Circuit Court for Rappahannock County in chambers, at Leesburg, Virginia, pursuant to due and timely notice to petitioner:

Defendants and objectors filed their additional grounds of objection to the proceedings herein and to the report of the special investigators and appraisers in so far as same applies to the real estate, in which they hold an interest in the words and figures following, to-wit:

- 1. The proceedings herein are without authority as the State Commission on Conservation and Development has never by corporate act taken the real estate herein sought to be condemned.
- 2. There has never been a bona fide attempt to secure said real estate by treaty as required by section 4363 of the Code.
- 3. Defendants and objectors are denied a judicial hearing as to a just compensation of their property condemned herein:
- (A) The special investigators and appraisers are not a judicial body, being authorized as individuals or as a body in the absence of defendants and objectors to hear the evidence of interested parties, unsworn, incompetent, giving opinion evidence, or irrelevant evidence, receive documentary evidence unknown to defendants, make inspections without any restrictions and found their report thereon.
- (B) The statute removes all restrictions on their conduct which the decisions of the Virginia Courts imposed on officers ascertaining values in condemnation proceedings.

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- (C) Their conduct throughout their investigations was wholly at variance with that of officers charged with judicial duties.
- (D) The finding of the value of defendants property was wholly inadequate, plainly reflecting the influence of petitioners agents with whom they in were constant association during the period of their investigation.
- (E) When these defendents secure a hearing in Court they are met with affidavits taken without notice and without an opportunity to see the conduct of the witnesses and test their intelligence or honesty by cross-examination, and have the burden not of showing a just value of their property but a value such as will convict the investigators of misconduct.

Fourth- The real estate of these objectors is divided by County lines subjecting them to the oppression of duplicating their defense in different judicial districts and denying them a fair opportunity of showing the reflected value of the different portions on each other.

And these defendants and objectors now move the court under section
6175 of the Code to remove these proceedings into the Circuit Court of Warren
County to be there consolidated with the proceedings now in progress of hearing
looking to the condemnation of the portion of the tract located in said County
of Warren, and they file the affidavit of George Tyler Miller, the certified copy
of the deed of John J. Miller to W. H. Grannis, a copy of the report of partition
commissioners, and copies of affidavits filed in said proceedings; which said
motion was resisted by counsel for petitioner and the same was thereupon argued
by counsel for both defendants and objectors, as well as by counsel for petitioner;

WHEREUPON, the Judge being of opinion that the Public Park Condemnation act clearly contemplates and provides for the maintenance of condemnation proceedings, for so much of the lands of the defendants and of objectors as lie in the Counties of Warren and Rappahannock respectively, in the respective Circuit Courts of said County and that good cause has not been shown for the removal of these proceedings from this Court to the Circuit Court of Warren County, Va., doth deny the aforesaid motion to remove this proceeding from this Court to without in any way passing upon the allegations of said attains said Circuit Court of Warren County, Virginia to which ruling defendants and objectors excepted and tendered their bill of exception No. I and prayed that

the same might be signed sealed and enrolled as a part of the record, which is accordingly done.

And defendants and objectors herein now moved the Court to set a day for the final trial and hearing of the several matters of defence, but the Court now now being ready to name a convenient day takes time to consider thereof.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County,
Virginia, will enter the foregoing upon the Common Law Order Book of his Court
as a vacation order.

Given under my hand in vacation, at chambers, in Leesburg, Virginia, this the 9 day of fune, 1933.

Judge of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia.

VIRGINIA:

Clerk's Office of Rappahannock Circuit Court, July 3rd, 1933.

The foregoing vacation order was this day received in the said office and entered as therein directed.

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State Commission on Conservation & Development,

Mrs. Evelyn T. Miller, et als.

Order.

Teste: Jas. M. Leille; Clerk,

LAW OFFICES

ARTHUR E. COOK

SUITE 327 SOUTHERN BUILDING WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE NATIONAL 8559

July 25, 1933

Mr. James M. Settle, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Va. Washington, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Settle:

Enclosed is affidavit of Alfred B. Iles which we desire to file with the other papers in The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, versus Clifton Aylor, and Others, and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred (37,400) Acres of Land, More or Less, in Rappahannock County.

Will you kindly file this affidavit accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Medley arkulcook attorney for alfred Boller

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

THE STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, * - - - - - PETITIONER

V.

CLIFTON AYLOR, AND OTHERS, AND THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED (37,400) ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, - - - - - - DEFENDANTS.

AFFIDAVIT IN RE: CLAIM ALFRED B. ILES.

The claimant, Alfred B. Iles, being sworn, deposes and says that he is a mining engineer and is duly qualified to testify as to the commercial value of the mineral deposits situate on the J. J. Miller tract of land, Mount Marshall, Virginia; that he prospected in the San Juan and Leadville districts of Colorado from 1877 to 1898; that he was superintendent of the Vulture mine at Leadville, operator of the Star of the West mine at Silverton; in I899 as manager of the Aljo mines in Arizona and discoverer of the disseminated copper ores of that district a large portion of which presents just such an occurence as appear on the aforesaid tract of land on Mt. Marshall, viz; intrusions of quartzite and porphyry in the basaltic rocks of that region; that the said Ajo deposits constitute the entire copper resources of the New Cornelia Copper company, the greatest copper mine in that state; that the surface showings of the Ajo deposits consists of small bunches stained rock with little on no live mineral; that affiant sunk five shafts to a depth of over one hundred feet each before he uncovered the wealth of copper that underlies their surface covering of malapai; these Ajo deposits also prove that it is not necessary for the adjacent country to covered with mineral in order to make a mine, for there is not another mineral oscurence within twenty miles of the Ajos; that affiant was examining engineer for the late J. B. Haggin, travelling engineer for a New York syndicate, headed by R. P. Lounsbury, Isaac Untermyer, Willard P. Ward, Anton Eilers and Henry R. Wolcott, to examine the copper deposits of the White and Copper rivers in Alaska; he was also commissioned to exthe White and Copper rivers in Alaska; he was also commissioned to examine the Bonanza mine of the Kennicott group, which has produced no no less than \$20,000,000 in copper and silver from secondary ores only, and there are no primary ores so far discovered in the district; that this also shows that there are large mines of secondary ores and as well as sulphides; in I904-5 he was consulting engineer for the Alaska Treasure mines on Douglas Island; consulting engineer for the Alaska-Perseverance, operator of the Humboldt under lease, which is now the Alaska-Juneau; manager of the Alaska Copper Co. on the Kuskulina river in AlaskaManager of the Virginia Gold Mining Co., in Orange county, Va.; Manager of the Ariadne Corporation at Silverton; president and manager Manager of the Ariadne Corporation at Silverton; president and manager of the Blue Ridge Copper company, and his application for a certificate from the Board of State Examiners of Virginia was passed upon Sept. I6, 1926; that he for several years made a close study on the ground of the ores concentrated on the Miller tract of land before any active attempt was rest concentrated on the miller tract of land before any active attempts to mine the ores in a commercial manner; that his investigations revealed that operations had been conducted previously to develop the deposits but had failed, not because of a lack of confidence in the property, but on account of insufficient capital, the difficulty of transporting the ore to market and the low price then prevalent of the nonferros metals; that cavities or caves exist on that particular tract that xxx he did not find elsewhere in the vicinity which allowed and examination of the formation to a depth of thirty to sixty feet, and in each cave which he explored he found the surrounding rocks were impregn nated with the copper minerals, native copper predominating, and nugget of copper weighing one to five ounces were frequent; that should the min eral impregnation only exist to the depth and width that is there indicated, there would be a vast tonnage available of commercial ore; upon the surface there are sizable bluffs or ledges plainly showing their mineral content, while geat boulders containing the oxides as well as a native copper abound; and bear mute testimony to the geat size of the mineral zone; affiant further states that to make a statement that there is not sufficiently large deposits to make a commercial possibility, is misleading, for the number of mines in this country that found their ore already mined on the top of the ground can be counted on the fingers of one hand; and it has been his experience to learn that no one can see beyond the point of his pick; Affiant states that the croppings on the I,000 acres are indicative of the presmence of ores below, and from a miner's standpoint no better showing is needed to induce him to go the limit of his resources in their development; he says that he obtained a 25-year lease of I,000 acres of the J. J. Miller tract with a view to opening a mine, he had built eight miles of wagon road, had opened the ore body by a cut fifty feet wide and a face fifteen feet high, in which he found ore for the entire width and face, some very rich, and from this working two hundred tons of ore were extracted, a trial shipment to the American Metals Company showed a content of 6.40% copper, show-

ing an ideal grade of milling ore; and owing to present day methods of treatment, proximity of markets and improved processes of ore reduction this ore would pay a reasonable profit on its production; Affiant further states that his expenditures amounted to \$10,900 in building s for blacksmith shop, machine shop and accommodations for the miners, the construction of the road and the costs of mining; that he was compelled to abandon the project in the month of September, 1929, on being notified that condemnation proceedings had been instituted.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of July, A. D. i933

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County Clerk.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of July, A. D. 1933

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

THE STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA. - - - - - - - - PETITIONER

CLIFTON AYLOR, AND OTHERS, AND THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED (37,400) ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, - - - DEFENDANTS.

Reclaim ALFRED B. ILES

COUNTY OF RAPPAHANNOCK) SS:

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R. E. Manual, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has had experience in metalic ore mining: that on August 25, 1930 he appeared before the Board of Appraisal Commissioners at Washington Virginia in the above styled cause, on behalf of Alfred B. Iles, and at a hearing sheeduled that date, testified in reference to the claim of Alfred B. Iles in substance as follows:

That he was employed in 1929 and early 1930 by Mr. Alfred B.

Iles as foreman of operations in opening a mine on Mount Marshall on the J. J. Miller estate, and the construction of roads on the property to make possible hauling of ore to Front Royal, Virginia; that the mine was opened so as to expose a ledge of copper ore twenty feet wide, and to a depth of ten feet; that during the said employment he personally assisted in tracing the lode through Mount Marshall for a distance of one mile; that the ore taken showed in addition to oxides of copper, native copper in abundance, some of the rock being held together by threads of native copper that seemed to impregnate the whole of it;

That he assisted in the reconstruction of about eight miles of wagon road to the mine; that employment in the mine and in connection therewith for Mr. Alfred B. Iles continued until notice of condemnation proceedings to take the land for public purposes, when further work of development was discontinued for that reason:

That he submitted to the Board of Appraisal Commissioners one bushel of ore taken by him at random from the mine on Mount Marshall under development by Mr. Iles on the J. J. Miller estate.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ______ day of July , 1933.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

THE STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, - - - - - - - - - PETITIONER

V.

CLIFTON AYLOR, AND OTHERS, AND THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED (37,400) ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, - - - - - - - - - DEFENDANTS.

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Re CLAIM ALFRED B ILES

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: SS:

Arthur E. Cook being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is attorney in fact for Alfred B. Iles; that pursuant to instructions of said Alfred B. Iles he did on August 25, 1930, appear before the Board of Appraisal Commissions for Rappahannock County, Virginia, in his behalf, and did present to said Board the affidavit of Alfred B. Iles, sworn to on the 20th day of July, 1930, and reading as follows:

"The claimant, Alfred B. Iles, deposes and says:

"That he is the owner of a lease extending for twenty-five (25) years of one thousand (1000) acres of the Miller Tract, situated near Washington, Virginia: That the said one thousand acres is mineral land, bearing copper and other minerals:
That the country rock is basalt through which
immense intrusions of quartzite, the copper bearing
rock occur in irregular zones: That the ore occurs as cuprite, red oxide, copper glance and native copper in abundance: That he has opened one of the deposits by excavating an open cut fifty (50) feet in width, from which several carloads of copper ore have been extracted: That the average samples of this ore have been sent for testing purposes to the American Metals Company, smelters and refiners and Ladoux & Co. assayers of New York, with the resultant assay of 6.00% copper per ton: That after deducting the freight charges and treatment; there would be a considerable profit on the mining and shipping of this ore; but that if the ore was treated on the ground by the process which has recently been perfected the profits resulting therefrom would be much greater; that the ore bodies with reasonable development will maintain a tonnage of at least a hundred (100) tons per day

which can be mined and treated for not exceeding six dollars (\$6.00) a ton, having a daily profit of one hundred six-eight dollars (\$168.00) at the present depressed price of the copper metal; that should the price of copper never rise above eleven (11) cents per pound, the profit for the remaining twenty-four (24) years of this lease would amount to \$1.361,200 less the royalty of 10% paid to the lessors; that the affiant has repaired and built for hauling ore and supplies eight miles of wagon road to the mines; has erected a mine building for general purposes and expended about eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for labor, equipments and improvements upon said property.

"/s/ ALFRED B. ILES

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of July, A. D. 1930.

"/s/ Notary Public."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of

July, A. D. 1933.

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My commission expires Jan. 16, 1937

affidavita filed by alfred B. Iles -FILED IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

> arthur E. leach - (Coursel) 327 Southern Blog -Washington D.C.

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K. S. POE

CONTRACTOR & BUILDER

UPPERVILLE, VA.

July 24, 1933

Valuations of buildings at Panorama Resort, Luray, Va., as follows:

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Fair	view Cottage, .]	1.007.52
Gable	es Cottage,]	1,009.20
Heat	er House,			45.00
Bath	House ,			682.00
Pine	Crest Cottage,			1.300.00
Gara	g∈ #2,			300.00
Care	taker's Cottage			450.00
Oak	Grove Cottage,			1,200.00
Dini	ng room and kit	chen		2,577.60
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State of Virginia, County of Fauquier, to-wit:

I, K. S. Poe, Contractor and Builder, do solemnly swear that the above valuation of buildings at Panorama Resort is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of

July, 1933.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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affidavit of K. S. Pal CLERK'S OFFICE Fully 28 19 33 — Teste: Yas, M. Settla Clerk

THE STATE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA VS.

CLIFTON AYLOR ET ALS. AND 37400 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

It appearing to the Court that there are pending negotiations for the compromise of these cases. on motion of John J. Miller's Heirs it is ordered that all exceptants be granted an extension of ten days from the date fixed in the last ordered heretofore entered herein for the filing of affidavits in support of their several exceptions.

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VS; Order

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Entered July 17, 1933.

Order Book "H", page 114

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA HON. J. R. H. ALEXANDER, JUDGE JAS. M SETTLE, CLERK ELIZABETH H. DEBERGH, DEP. CLERK April 13th, 1933. Judge J R H Alexander, Leesburg, Virginia. My dear Judge: I am herewith enclosing letter this day received from William D.Medley and Arthur E.Cook, attorneys for Alfred B.Isles, together with motion for extension of time and exceptions to report of Appraisal Commissioners for Shenandoah National Park. I am sending you these papers for such action as you may deem necessary. Sincerely yours, as, m. Deile, Clerk. JMS/s

ASSOCIATES—

GLENN WILLETT

CHAS, KERSHENBAUM, C. P. A.
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GEO. WALTER SMITH
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LAW OFFICES
SUITE 327, SOUTHERN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.
METROPOLITAN 4042

April 12, 1933

James M. Settle, Clerk, Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Washington, Virginia

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing a Motion for Extension of Time in which to file exceptions to the Report of the Appraisal Commissioners in the matter of the claim of Alfred B. Iles in the cause of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia vs. Clifton Aylor and others, and thirty-seven thousand four hundred (37,400) acres of land more or less. We are also enclosing the exceptions to be filed in the event that the Court grants the motion for extension of time in which they may be filed.

Since our reasons for making this motion are fully set out in the motion itself we feel that it is possible for you, as Clerk of the Court, to present the matter to the Court for its consideration. If you will do this we will greatly appreciate your kindness as it will thus relieve us of the necessity of coming quite some distance.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter we are.

Yours very truly,

ATTORNEYS FOR ALFRED B. ILES

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WDM/b Encs. 3. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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Petitioner.

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Defendants.

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and estimated content of said lode upon the leased land was submitted by defendant.

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4. Wherefore the Defendant, Alfred B. Iles, excepts to the entire report, and prays that it be set aside, and a determination of the value of his leasehold right in the said property be made as of the time of the commencement of the condemnation proceedings.

WILLIAM D. MEDLEY

ARTHUR E. COOK

ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT.

ALFRED B. ILES.

WILLIAM D. MEDLEY and ARTHUR E. COOK 327 Southern Building, Washington, D. C. ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT ALFRED B. ILES. JAS. M. SETTLE
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Judge J R H Alexander Leesburg, Virginia.



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Filed May 8-1933.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Now comes Alfred B. Iles, by his attorneys, William D. Medley and Arthur E. Cook, and moves this honorable Court for extension of time to ten days from the hearing hereon in which to file exceptions to the Report of the Appraisal Commissioners, filed in this Court on the eighteenth day of May, 1932, and gives as reasons therefor:

by this defendant or his attorneys, notwithstanding that diligent efforts to obtain information concerning the same were made by this defendant and his attorney. Arthur E. Cook; that the Board of Appraisal Commissioners was advised in July 24, 1930, of the removal of Mr. Iles from Washington. D. C., to Colorado Springs, Colorado; that subsequently correspondence with the Clerk of said board was with defendant's attorney. Arthur E. Cook, who represented the defendant at a hearing conducted pursuant to order of this Court; that said attorney was advised that he would be advised of the filing of said report, but notwithstanding several inquiries in regard thereto neither defendant nor his attorney has received notice thereof.

Your petitioner has ready for filing in this cause exceptions to the said report, and therefore prays that the same may be accepted and considered herein.

William D. Mesley

Attorneys for ALFRED B. ILES, pefendant.

WILLIAM D. MEDLEY, ARTHUR E. COOK, 327 Southern Building, Washington, D. C. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MONDAY, MAY 8th, 1933.

This day came Alfred B. Isles, by counsel, and moved the Court for leave to file exceptions to report of Appraisal Commissioners filed on May 18, 1932 in the condemnation proceedings of State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia vs. Clifton Aylor, et als., which motion the Court doth grant, subject however to such exceptions as may be made and filed thereto; whereupon said exceptions were filed.

A COPY-TESTE: Jas. M. Seecle
Clerk.

State Commission on Conservation and Development

WILLIAM E. CARSON, CHAIRMAN, RIVERTON
COLEMAN WORTHAM, VICE CHAIRMAN, RICHMOND
JUNIUS P. FISHBURN, ROANOKE
E. GRIFFITH DODSON, NORFOLK
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RICHMOND, VA.



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STATE PUBLICITY

At the meeting of the State Commission on Conservation and Development, held in Richmond, December 21, 1928, the following motion was made by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Mr. Fishburn, and carried:

twenty-four (24) of the Public Park Condemnation
Act, William E. Carson, Chairman of the State Commission on Conservation and Development, is hereby designated and appointed in writing the representative, agent, and attorney of the said Commission, through whom the Commission desires to act in the institution and maintenance of proceedings looking to the acquirement, by condemnation proceedings or otherwise, of title to lands and other property, for a public park or for public park purposes under authority of the National Park Act, and the Executive Secretary of the Commission is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the said William E. Carson, Chairman of the State Commission on Conservation and Development, such properly certified copies of this resolution for file with the record of any such condemnation proceedings which may be instituted under authority of said Public Park Condemnation Act."

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of October, 1929.

Anna Belle Folt Notary Public.

My commission expires October 16, 1932.

