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Yours of 24th received to day
and I will reply will say that I send
you check for my flat water to
some time ago please notify me
if not received I surely do not want
to loose my water rights. Besides
in my former letter I had
not raised in the nor ladies. I had
my land and rented out to Mr. Chestel
but did not receive any water
from your Irrigation Ditch and
consequently did not get any crop.
Mr. Johnson has received my
land to Mr. Chestel and I certainly
do not want to lose my water rights
as that will make my land valueless
please let me hear from you in regard
to the matter.

Rueedfield St. Thomas
March 24, 1919.

Mr. S. E. Seim,
Vienna, S.D.

Dear Sir:—

I am enclosing you herewith statement of your flat tax on the South 8.85 acres of lot 465. You will note this flat tax is in arrears for three years and this matter must be given your immediate attention, otherwise under the rules of our system it will be necessary to cancel the water right to your land, and, of course, you realize this will mean a great loss to you, and you cannot afford it. However, we are powerless to act otherwise in this matter and unless you desire to forfeit your water right, let us have draft by return mail covering the amount of the enclosed statement to you with 10% interest from date of maturity.

Yours truly,

UNITED IRRIGATION COMPANY,

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By __________________
April 7, 1919.

Mr. S. E. Seim,
Vienna, S.D.

Dear Sir:—

Received your letter of the 25th enclosing $53.10 in payment of your flat tax, in reply would state; in the first place, you have already been allowed $6.00 per acre flat rate on your land in consideration that when you bought your land the canals were in course of construction—it is so written in your contract and consideration therefor given. In 1917, we had no shortage of water and in 1918 this canal company has no record of receiving an application to water your land. You, of course, know that we have no way of ascertaining your wants unless you make your request. The rules are that if you want to irrigate your land, you must come in and purchase a water ticket for your land before the coming period; and if there has been a water ticket purchased for your land, we have no record of it. We, therefore, believe you are entirely in error.

We feel that we have in no manner neglected you or any one under our system. The misfortune that happened to us last season was beyond any human control and a matter only temporary. We are furnishing plenty of water this year as those accidents have been remedied just as fast as we can get to them and we owe no apologies to any reasonable minded man as he would not ask it. We are striving to produce the most efficient system, and unquestionably we are giving the best service of any irrigation system in the Valley.

North end Sharyland is practically all watered out and everybody is getting good service. The Sharyland Third lift canals are all full—in fact, the canal rider yesterday telephoned that the farmers do not want to take any more water, after pumping it there for over a week, because they happened to have half an inch of rain; but we are insisting upon them taking water because we know they will need it very badly before we get around in another thirty days. That is just the trouble with you farmers, you try to save on a rain the paltry sum of a few dollars on the chance of ruining your crops and if it gets ruined you harp on the poor canal company, how it has neglected you, etc. The farmers think it is harsh for us to insist upon them taking the water when we have pumped it and have spent the money to have it there
for them just because of a little rain that will dry out in a few days time. They do not stop to think that it is impossible for this Company to furnish everybody water except about every thirty days, which is considered first class service; and that is what happened last year—there were some rains in your neighborhood when we had the canals full, as they are now, and the farmers refused to take the water, while if they had taken it they would have raised splendid crops but because of the rain they do not care how much money the canal company loses they thought only of themselves and unfortunately paid a heavy penalty for it. Then we failed to get around again quite as soon as we should on account of the accident in breaking the fly wheel on our new 600-H.P. engine and those kind of crops were hurt of course; and some of them, just like yourself, are ready to jump on the poor canal company and give it Hail Columbia without any consideration for our side of the matter at all.

You know, Mr. Seim, that everything has gone up sky high. This canal company has been furnishing water up to about a month ago at a great loss trying to do it as well as possible, and we would appreciate a little co-operation from men like you because we need it to help build up something that will make you proud of the service, but we had to have reasonable time to place this enormous development in condition and we did the very best we could.

If your land is not irrigated now, we beg to inform you that it is strictly your own fault, or whoever is farming it. We cannot run after your farmer and force him to buy a water ticket if he does not come in and buy it of his own accord.

Yours truly,

UNITED IRRIGATION COMPANY,

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By ___________________________
File 319

(SHARYLAND TRACT)

Tract No............ 465

Mission, Texas, 2-28-19

Net Acres......... 8.85

MR. S. E. Seim,

Vienna, S.D.

In Account With

United Irrigation Company

To Flat Rate Assessment,

Flat rate from 2-17-17 50 2-17-18

@ $2.00 per acre

$17.70

2-17-18 to 2-17-19

@ $4.00 per acre

35.40

2-17-19 to 2-17-20

$ 53.10

THIRD NOTICE--PLEASE REMIT

Add 10% Interest from Date of maturity to Date of Remittance.

Please Return This Notice With Remittance.
Paid

2-7-17 to 2-17-19 11.70
3.50
3.40 pd

Vienna 3/25-19

United Irrigation Co.

Mission

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Near of March 20th
all hand and contemorary
I am enclosing check
for flat rate 2/17 and 18
but I am doing these
under protest as I have
never received one drop
of water on my land.
From your irrigation
district.
Any land cleared and put into
crop expecting to get
Water from your vital but medicinal non at self. I am willing to pay for any thing & get Calfies & libe' rations I am sure but I do not think I should pay for some things I did not get which is the case here. How I am enclosing check for the full amount of that rate for Jan 1917-1918-19. However there is a way to adjust these matter by your people investigating the complaint in these letters if you are willing.
to give me some rebate on the 17 to 19 flat rate. I would appreciate it very much, and you can credit me on my 1920 try for whatever reduction you want to give me. Please let me hear from you in regard to these matters as soon as convenient.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

E. E. Stein