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Letter from O. G. Hertzog to B. R. Colson

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B. R. Colson  
Gainesville, Fla.

Fir raising Office, April 17th 1882

Dear Mr. Colson,

We reached home from Florida the last day of March. Our good neighbors had lighted fires in the furnace and range and the coltours had prepared us a dinner so we were both warmed and fed. It seems nice to get home though we have both been exceedingly busy putting the house yard and garden in order along with many other duties awaiting us, but amidst all we have not forgotten Gainesville and the good friends there. I am sure my sister and husband would be delighted to make a home at Gainesville and spend the rest of their days there and I know they would be useful members of the little flock over which our beneficent Father leads. Make you overbear, the problem of finance is with them a serious matter and yet I believe that can be arranged for. They have certainly been unfortunate in falling into the hands of theophilous men, there is some good ground of hope that both matters of wintering will be adjusted in a few months and the sale of our property be condoned. If this is not done I may be able to make some arrangement to help them out. They will not likely want to move till toward fall as they have arrangements that will hold them at coconut grove for a time. Have you found any better proposition than the fine acre plot held at four hundred cash. How many terms are in the
little cottage and if it were sitting up. If so what would it cost to put it in a good
condition. They ought to have a cottage with at
least three rooms. If I were not loaded down
with special taxes I should be glad to undertake
something more pretentious in a house and garden.

I have, therefore, decided to settle the
plasma, property which we are hoping to do. I
found the problem would be one of easy solution. I had
hoped to settle matters in Florida for those while
there but the Bank failure upset all my plans.
I am sorry I put you to any further trouble but
hope in some way to make it worthwhile. I
join me in helping to solve this intricate
problem. It distressed me to be in comfort when
I knew one of the family has been egregiously
swindled out of a good home, your broad
acquaintance and good judgment I am sure
will make you a wise counselor as to the best
course to pursue. Remember me to all the
brethren. I trust your father is now better, we celebrated
my 71st birthday on the 9th of October and we are
both fairly well and send true and best wishes

cordially yours Stu. Wetzgol.