

June 30, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Compeche Mahogany Co.
1300 Calhoun Street
New Orleans.

Dear Sir:

This Museum has recently secured a contract from the Guatemalan Government by which we are given permission to excavate at the ancient ruin of Piedras Negras just south of Tenenique, Mexico. The contract permits us to remove from these ruins the great stone carvings which weigh several tons. We expect to begin work there at the end of the rainy season early next year, probably in February. I have sent to that region an engineer, Mr. T. Egan Eyer who is surveying for the road which must be built in order to facilitate our work and he will probably begin making the road as soon as his surveying is completed. I am not sure whether he will find it more efficient to run the road from the ruins to the head of navigation on the Usumacinta river or across to connect with the road of the Agua Azul Company on the San Pedro river. Would either of these roads be of service to your Company? and if so, we might reach some agreement in regard to it. Mr. Eyer tells me that you have some transportation equipment in storage near that region. We shall need some equipment, such as, tractors and heavy waggons, but as we will use them for only two seasons or so it would be far better for us to rent such as are already in that country than to purchase and import them. Will you not kindly let me know whether you have such equipment in that region and if there is any possibility of our securing the use of it on terms agreeable to us both.

Sincerely yours,

Curator of the American Section

CAMPECHE MAHOGANY
CORPORATION

~~xNoble and Wagon Streets~~

~~Brooklyn, New York~~

514 American Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

July 3, 1930.

ALL AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO FIRES, BREAKAGE OF MACHINERY, STRIKES AND OTHER UNAVOIDABLE
CIRCUMSTANCES. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Mr. J. Alden Mason,
Curator of the American Section,
The Museum of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your interesting letter of the 30th ultimo, and feel that there is a possibility of our coming to an arrangement that will be mutually beneficial.

The Corporation cut out its concession from the Mexican Government last June and it is not our intention to operate again in that vicinity. Temporarily, our equipment is stored. Meanwhile, we are looking over other tracts with a view of operating and using our equipment. The most promising of these tracts is not in Mexico, but in another Latin American Republic.

In view of the foregoing, you will readily appreciate that the roads you intend to construct would not be of any service to the corporation.

The equipment is ideal for the purposes for which you would require it, and has the decided advantage of being located right at your command, thus eliminating delay and the irritating transportation problems that exist in Mexico.

In view of the fact that we are severing all connections in this section of Mexico, I do not believe that we could arrange to rent out our equipment, and it occurs to me that many different questions would arise on a rental basis, such as upkeep, replacements, etc, etc. Therefore, I am of the opinion that the logical thing would be for you to buy our equipment. A direct sale would eliminate many difficulties of importation on your part and would save us difficulty in exporting, which we contemplate doing. In view of this, we would be willing to sell this equipment, or what portion of it you would require, at a price that would effect a considerable saving for you.

Mr. J. Alden Mason

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Herewith enclosed find a memorandum covering the major portion of the equipment, without going too extensively into detail.

I trust this will enable you to make a decision. However, should you desire additional information, or if I can be of any assistance to you whatever, I am at your command.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. A. Sanborn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

C. A. Sanborn.

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Enc.

July 12, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Comanche Mahogany Corp.
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

Your letter of July 3 is of great interest to me and it is quite possible that we may be able to reach an agreement that will be satisfactory to both of us. I am sorry that it is not convenient to you to rent the equipment which you have stored away as that would be a far more convenient arrangement for us. I am afraid it would be difficult to dispose of this equipment when after a year or two of work if we purchased it. However if you find it impossible to rent the equipment the presence of such material at such a convenient spot will of course be a great help to us and would be far more favorable than purchasing new equipment.

I will instruct an agent of mine who is at present at Tenosigue, Mr. Eagan Wyer, to inspect your equipment at Santa Cruz and give me his opinion as to the value of it or for parts suited for our purpose. As soon as I have a report from him I will communicate with you again.

Thanking you for your kindness in giving me the information, believe me as ever,

Sincerely yours,

J. Alden Mason, Curator
of the American Section

CAMPECHE MAHOGANY
CORPORATION

~~Natchez and West Streets~~

~~Brooklyn, New York~~

514 American Bank Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.

July 15, 1930.

ALL AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO FIRES, BREAKAGE OF MACHINERY, STRIKES AND OTHER UNAVOIDABLE
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Mr. J. Alden Mason,
Curator of the American Section,
The Museum of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mason:

Note from your letter of the 12th instant, that you will instruct your agent, Mr. Egan Wyer, to inspect our equipment at Santa Cruz and submit his opinion as to the value. We have only a loyal but illiterate Indian in charge of the equipment there, but I feel very confident he will show every possible courtesy to Mr. Wyer.

In regard to this equipment, there are a few facts I would like to elaborate on that may be of interest. They are as follows:

The two "60" Caterpillar Tractors are equipped to burn Distillate, which reduces the cost of operation 50%. In other words, the Distillate costs one-half of what Gasoline is sold for and the resultant loss in power is very slight.

Another point in regard to "60" Tractors is that very few steamers (and none that I know of in the Gulf trade) are equipped with winches heavy enough to handle these tractors. We had to charter a special boat to send them there.

These "60" Tractors are the size you would require for the work outlined. I believe you would find it extremely costly to send "60" Tractors to Mexico, at least, that was our experience, yet these particular tractors are the most durable and economical. You will find that our equipment will be a considerable factor in effecting a saving in the building of your roads.

As to the possibility of your disposing of this equipment, after a year or two of work, it is my opinion that, when you are ready to dispose of it, provided you maintain same and do not permit it to deteriorate, - with the expected better

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ment of business conditions in the United States, which will reflect in Mexico, there will be a demand for equipment of this nature. As a matter of fact, we have had, within the past sixty days, an opportunity to sell our Tractors but refused same simply because we did not care to sell a part of our equipment, preferring only to sell it in its entirety.

We failed to note in the memorandum of equipment sent you that we have four excellent horses, two of which were for the writer's personal use.

Having lived and operated in this section of Mexico for many years, I am familiar with the conditions there, and it is possible that the knowledge I have acquired may be of some benefit to you. In any event, any and all information is at your disposal.

Faithfully yours,



C. A. Sanborn.

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July 24, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Campsche Mahogany Corp.
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

Your kind letter of July 15 has been received. I doubt very much if it will be advisable for us to purchase the entire equipment which you have in storage. I fear that the cost will take my entire appropriation and that there is a good deal of equipment which would not be necessary for us and would merely tie up our funds until we succeeded in selling it again, possibly at a loss. I am sorry to read in your letter that you wish to sell as a whole because I understood from your former letter that you were willing to sell any part of it. However, within the last few days I received a full report from my engineer, Mr. Ryan-Ryer, in which he makes some recommendations. He recommends that instead of carrying the road as far as Tenesique or even as far as El Chimal, we run it to the river at San Jose, which point was used at one time by a logging company and to which place there is a small abandoned railroad. By utilizing the river to this point the cost of making the road will be greatly reduced. However there are small rapids a short ways down stream and it is doubtful if any very heavy equipment, such as caterpillar tractors, could be brought through them. Since the only heavy hauling which we will have to do is to bring about twenty of the stone monuments, I am inclined to agree with Mr. Ryer's recommendation that we hire oxen and carts, rather than purchase a tractor.

However, I have instructed Mr. Ryer to inspect your equipment and to determine what part would be of service to us. If you are willing to sell the equipment separately it would be a great service to me.

CAMPECHE MAHOGANY
CORPORATION

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514 American Bank Bldg,
New Orleans, La.

July, 28, 1930.

ALL AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO FIRES, BREAKAGE OF MACHINERY, STRIKES AND OTHER UNAVOIDABLE
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Mr. J. Alden Mason,
Curator of the American Section,
The Museum of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mason:-

Thanks for your good letter of the 24th inst, in-as
much as I apparently, gave you a wrong impression in my letter
of the 15th inst, by writing "in its entirety" by which I meant
a unit of a tractor and one or two wagons. However in
re-reading my letter I readily see that I did not express myself
clearly.

You are correct in your understanding and as
stated in a former letter, we will sell you all or any part you
require and I am glad of the opportunity to clear this up.

With my knowledge of the country and my experience
there with oxen, I am inclined to believe that your endeavoring
to do this work with oxen, will prove very unsatisfactory.

Awaiting to hear from you further as soon as
you have heard from Mr. Wyer.

Faithfully yours.

B. A. Sanborn

September 10, 1930

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

I have delayed answering your letter of July 28 until I received a report on your equipment from my engineer, Mr. Egan-Wyer. He has now sent me a brief report on this equipment but he made a hasty trip there and investigated only the larger pieces and he promises to call again and to send me a fuller report.

I do not think that we will care to purchase the large tractors since they would be in use for only a few months and would probably cost as much as my entire appropriation and entail considerable difficulty in selling them when we are through with them. Mr. Wyer thinks that our hauling can be done by oxen much more cheaply. Neither do I think we will be interested in the heavy Athey wagons nor the copper stills as we will be camped right on the river with an abundant supply of good water. We might be interested in some of the other equipment such as the eight wheel Garland wagons; the Fordson tractor which is equipped with a winch; the boat and the Johnson engine; the old Ford automobile; the miscellaneous office equipment, camp equipment; machine shop equipment; logging chains and such things. On the miscellaneous things as I said Mr. Wyer is going to report again but in the meantime I would appreciate it if you would give me the bottom figure which you would accept for the things I have mentioned so that I may decide whether it is advisable for us to purchase them and take a chance on later selling them or to endeavor to rent similar or other equipment elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Campeche Mahogany Corp.
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

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514 American Bank Bldg,
New Orleans, La.

Sept, 13, 30.

ALL AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO FIRES, BREAKAGE OF MACHINERY, STRIKES AND OTHER UNAVOIDABLE
CIRCUMSTANCES. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Mr. J. Alden Mason,
Curator of the American Section,
The Museum of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mason:-

Your letter of the 10th inst, outlining your thoughts relative to your decision on the hauling and the part of our equipment that you might be interested in, just received.

In accordance with your request I am giving you the bottom prices, on the material mentioned.

One only 8 wheel Garland wagon.	\$400.00 U.S. Cy
One Fordson Tractor with winch	500.00 "
18' Cypress boat	150.00
One 8 H.P. Johnson Outboard Motor.	75.00
Ford roadster	150.00
1 Check protector	50.00
Steel filing case	100.00
3 Royal Typewriters \$75.00 each (2 with Spanish Keyboards)	225.00
Adding Machine	50.00
Safe	50.00
Desk, Cabinets etc	100.00
Camp equipments (cooking utensils) with house furnishings	200.00
Logging chains on rack in machine shop, at end away from office.	50.00
Machine shop equipment, without large HAND DRILL.	100.00
For the Large Hand drill add \$25.00	
	\$2200.00 U.S. Currency

Your will readily understand that these prices are from 50 to 60% under costs in the United States and the freights handling, duties etc are not considered. These prices are for immediate acceptance and in the event purchase is completed before ten days, we will waive the \$200.00 and accept \$2000.00 for the above named material.

Will you not require riding horses?

Faithfully yours,

L. P. San

September 23, 1930

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

I received your letter of September 13 but I am not yet ready to give you an order for any of your material as I wish first to receive further reports from Mr. Wyer. It is certain that I shall not want some of the minor equipment which you mention, such as the three typewriters, although I might take one of them. Nor shall I want certain other objects mentioned in your letter. I shall, however, make up my mind as soon as possible and will then write you again.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. C. A. Sanborn

Campeche Mahogany Corp.

514 American Bank Bldg.

New Orleans. La.

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CORPORATION

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514 American Bank Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.

October 30, 1930.

ALL AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO FIRES, BREAKAGE OF MACHINERY, STRIKES AND OTHER UNAVOIDABLE
CIRCUMSTANCES. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Mr. J. Alden Mason,
Curator of the American Section,
The Museum of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

As outlined in my letter to you of July 3rd, our plans for operating in British Honduras are being brought to a conclusion. We expect to decide definitely in the near future, and upon the termination of negotiations we will probably ship the Mexican equipment.

With regard to that portion of the equipment about which we have been corresponding, and which you in a general way outlined you may wish to take over, - it would be my suggestion that you come to an early determination and close the purchase, if you require said equipment; if not, we will utilize same in our operation and withdraw from the market.

Faithfully yours,



C.A. Sanborn.

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Re Sanborn Equipment - in general.

(See sheets 1 & 2 for particulars)

Wyer reported Aug. 15th, as indicated on following sheets: on sept. 16 said he would make another inspection: says Oct. 11 he will inspect again the end of October.

Sanborn's last letter, Oct. 30, very short and curt compared with former ones. He may mean what he says. Hadn't we better order what equipment we are sure of, especially then wagons, boat, Fordson, which are heavy and bulky, and seem to be reasonably priced (except the tractor). There might be devilish delays in getting this kind of stuff in from the states.

How many wagons?

How does Wyer stand financially?

November 6, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Campeche Mahogany Corp.
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

I have been considering the matter of the purchase of your equipment. It is, of course, a difficult matter to decide, since you gave no detailed list of goods, and Mr. Wyer, on his hasty trip of inspection, reported on only the larger things and made no inventory of minor objects. I was hoping that you would not move these things until after Wyer had made a second trip and a fuller report upon these. However, it now appears that I must make a decision on this matter as you intend to move these at once. I have decided, therefore, to make you an offer upon these things that I feel reasonably sure will be needed. Then, if Wyer inspects the other things before they are removed, I may make a subsequent offer for them. I may also say that we are planning on an airplane exploration of parts of Mexico and Guatemala in December and, if our plans mature as expected, we shall fly down the Usamacinta River about December 7th. Possibly I might be able to land at Balancan for a short inspection of this equipment and will then make you an offer if it has not been moved by then.

The objects which I am prepared to take at this time, if you accept my offer are:

- 2 8-wheeled Garland wagons
- 1 Fordson tractor with winch attachment
- 1 18 foot cypress boat
- 1 8-horsepower Johnson outboard motor
- 2 desks
- 1 safe
- 1 Royal typewriter

For this lot I am authorized to offer you One Thousand, four hundred dollars, \$1400.00

There are some other things which I would like to have but either the data on them are insufficient or you have made no quotation on them individually. According to Mr. Wyer, there are two folding iron beds, one folding canvas cot, two reed rocking chairs, two reed easy chairs and one reed settee. He made no mention of the cedar wardrobes, chiffoniers and wash-stands which you list, and I have no idea how many of these there are, what size, etc. Mr. Wyer writes that he has plenty of cooking equipment for as large a body of workmen as

I shall require, so I shall not need your equipment. I would like the beds, cot and the reed furniture enumerated above and could probably use also the wardrobes, chiffoniers and washstands if there are not too many say three of each. For the beds, cot and reed furniture I am advised that forty dollars \$40.00 would be a fair price, but for the other things I have no means of estimating until I learn more about them.

Regarding the steel filing case, I doubt if it would be of use to us and is high priced. I cannot judge of its value until I know more about its size, compartments, etc. Wyer wrote about a "cabinet" which may refer to this. Regarding the small machine shop equipment I doubt if we would find much use for it. Wyer reported seeing only a few things not essential to us. If he reports upon it, or if I see it, or if you could send an itemized list of it, I will consider this again. The same remarks apply to the logging chains, cant-hooks, peavies, swamp-hooks and saws.

The Ford roaster, Athey wagons, horses, copper stills, adding machine, check-protector, caterpillar tractors and cooking equipment I do not think will be of value to us and do not care to bid on them.

Hoping for a prompt and favorable reply, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

CAMPECHE MAHOGANY
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514 American Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

November 8, 1930.

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Mr. J. Alden Mason,
Curator of the American Section,
The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mason:

Your air mail letter of the 6th instant, reached me yesterday afternoon. After considering same, I have concluded to accept your offer of \$1400.00, U.S. currency, for the following:

- 2 - 8 Wheeled Garland Wagons
- 1 - Fordson Tractor with Winch Attachment
- 1 - 18 Foot Cypress Boat
- 1 - 8 Horsepower Johnson Outboard Motor
- 2 - Desks
- 1 - Safe
- 1 - Royal Typewriter.

On receipt of your check, I will forward to you a Mexican factura (invoice) which is equivalent to a conveyance in Mexico and is a clear title to the property. In addition will forward you combination and key to the safe and a letter of instruction to our agents, Messrs. Alvaro F. Perez at Alvaro Obregon, to deliver this equipment to you or your representative upon request.

There is a large wardrobe, one chiffonnier, one wash-stand and one dresser. If you desire these with the beds, cots and reed furniture, we will sell same for \$100.00. I have made some inquiries about the steel filing cabinet and find you are correct - it is priced high, but the price quoted you was \$50.00 under the cost price of same delivered to us down there. If you are interested in it, we will sell it for \$50.00. This is a three drawer steel filing cabinet having two locks that control the three drawers. If you wish to purchase the foregoing, add \$150.00 to your check and I will include same in the factura.

Mr. J. Alden Mason

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With reference to the machine shop, logging chains, peavies, canthooks, swamp hooks and saws, - this matter can be handled as you suggest if in the mean time we have not found use for same in our operation.

I am glad I am still in a position to co-operate with you at this time in securing this equipment to be used in your Museum work, and that the purchase has been effected, because unnecessary delay might have created a situation beyond my control. Therefore, I appreciate your prompt action.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. A. Sanborn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

C.A. Sanborn

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INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. Jayne:

DATE: November 10

The equipment for which an offer was made to Mr. Sanborn was inspected by Mr. Wyer and approved by him as being needed equipment and in good condition. It is stored very close to the ruins. The prices asked at first by Mr. Sanborn, the appraised valuation by Mr. Wyer, and the sum offered by me are as follow:

	Sanborn	Wyer	Mason
W-gons	400	400 (reasonable)	350
	400	400 "	350
Tractor	500	400 (maximum)	350
Boat	150	150 (cheap)	150
Motor	75	(165 new here)	50
Desk	33	?	25
	33	?	25
Safe	50	?	35
Typew r	75	(almost new)	65
	<u>1716</u>		<u>1400</u>

The rest of the equipment on which I have detailed information is:

- 2 folding iron beds
- 1 folding canvas cot
- 5 pieces reed furniture
- 1 large wardrobe
- 1 chiffonier
- 1 washstand
- 1 dresser
- 1 steel filing case.

FROM:

REPLY WANTED
NOT WANTED

IF A REPLY IS CALLED FOR KINDLY USE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

DATE:

These are very desirable but possibly a little high. Granted that the filing case is worth \$50, are the 12 pieces of furniture worth \$100, \$8.35 each? I think I shall offer him a little less.

I do not like sending him a check until the things are in Wyer's or my hands. What do you suggest doing about this?

FROM:

REPLY WANTED
NOT WANTED

IF A REPLY IS CALLED FOR KINDLY USE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET

November 14, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Caspeche Mahogany Corp.
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

I received your letter of November 8th and took up the question with our Director, Mr. Jayne, who I understand has already written you. I do not know what the practice would be in the business world, but I think it unwise and not in accord with our custom to pay for things which are in such an uncertain circumstance as these until we are absolutely assured that the material is in the hands of our representative. Not that I have the slightest doubt of your sincerity but certain of the things may have been stolen or damaged in that frontier place or they may be shipped by some inefficient employe who has not understood you instructions. I therefore, asked Mr. Jayne to write you an official letter, as Director of the Museum, verifying the sale and informing you that a check will be sent as soon as we are able to take possession of the equipment. I will immediately write to my agent, Mr. Myer, to see what he recommends as the most feasible means of obtaining it.

I am not sure that the steel filing cabinet will be necessary to me but I presume that it would be of service and is worth the price of \$50.00 which you ask; however, I am inclined to think that the \$100.00 which you ask for the beds, cots, reel furniture and the other furniture is somewhat high. I presume they are not in good condition from use and probably not worth the trouble of transporting them to British Honduras. It seems to me that \$50.00 would be a fairer price for these and I am prepared to offer you this.

As I wrote you before, it is most probable that I will be in that region about the first week in December and will try to find time to stop at Ballancon and look over the smaller objects in you equipment. Will you be kind enough to send me a letter of introduction to your agent at that place instructing him to permit me to inspect it and also you might write a letter to him informing him of the probability of my visit there. Trusting that this arrangement is satisfactory to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CAMPECHE MAHOGANY
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514 American Bank Bldg,
New Orleans, La.

Nov, 24, 1930.

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Mr. J. Alden Mason,
The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mason:-

The will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
the 21st, with enclosure of the Museum's cheque for the sum
of \$1,500.00 which arrived today.

It is understood that the cheque is for the
equipment at the Hoda Santa Cruz, covered in our recent corres-
pondence, enclosing a memo of same, in Spanish and English, the
Spanish being as it will be on the factura.

The factura, keys and letter will be ready, I hope
to mail you tomorrow.

Hastily yours,

C. A. Sanborn

SPANISH!

SPANISH.

(1)	2--Wagones de Madera de 8 ruedas (Garland)	\$700.00	
(2)	1--Tractores Fordson con montacarga	400.00	
(3)	1--18 pies yate de ciprés	150.00	
(4)	1--Motor Johnson de 8 caballos	50.00	
(5)	2--Escritorios de caoba	25.00	
(6)	1--Caja para caudales	25.00	
(7)	1--Maquina de escribir "Royal"	50.00	
(8)	1--Archivo de metal para correspondencia	50.00	
(9)	2--Camas de hierro plegadizas	}	
(10)	1--Catre de lona plegadizo		
(11)	4--Sillas de mimbre		
(12)	1--Silla de mimbre-setee		50.00
(13)	3--Armario de madera		}
(14)	1--Lavabo de madera		

ENGLISH.

ENGLISH.

(1)	2--GARLAND 8 wheel log wagons	\$700.00	
(2)	1--Fordson tractor with winch attached	400.00 (350)	
(3)	1--18' foot cypress boat	150.00	
(4)	1--Johnson outboard motor 8 H.P.	50.00	
(5)	2--DESKS (mahogany)	25.00 (50)	
(6)	1--SAFE	25.00 (35)	
(7)	1--ROYAL typewriter	50.00	
(8)	1--METAL filing case	50.00 (65)	
(9)	2--Folding iron beds	}	
(10)	1--Folding canvas cot		
(11)	4--REED chairs		
(12)	1--REED settee		50.00
(13)	3--Wardrobe, chiffonier, dresser (one each of above)		<u>\$1500.00</u>
(14)	1--Washstand		

Invoice 048

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514 American Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

November 25, 1930.

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Mr. J. Alden Mason,
University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mason:

Answering your letter of November 21st. It was necessary for me to remain over to sign and prepare the needed documents of transfer, which did not permit my leaving as planned.

Herewith the Mexican factura #0026, which is a receipt and transfer. To legalize this document, it is necessary for you or your agent to secure the required Mexican documentary stamps, which are perforated. The larger portion of these stamps are to be placed on the back of the factura and cancelled; the remaining stamps to be sent to me here, to be placed on the stub of the legalized factura book we have.

Enclosed is combination to safe in both Spanish and English, also copy of a letter written to our agents, Alvaro F. Perez Sucs., at Fontera, giving them full instructions covering the delivery of this material to you or your agent.

The keys are being mailed to you under separate cover. The four Yale keys are for the filing case; the two flat keys are for the inner door of the safe; the two large keys are for the large cedar wardrobe, and the other keys are to the desks. You will note in my letter to Alvaro F. Perez, I have requested that the contents of the desks, wardrobe, filing case, safe, etc., are to be packed and kept for my account, the same being my personal property.

My personal pistol was left with Alvaro F. Perez Sucs., - a 38 ~~caliber~~ Colt with cartridges. You will note in my letter I have them to let you have this, if you desire it, as you will find it a good thing to have if you are to remain back in the country any length of time. If you take same, it will be with the understanding that you will send check for \$25.00 U.S. currency.

Regarding the chains, peavies, swamp hooks, machine shoes etc., - you will note I have given my agents instructions to deliver same to you, should you desire them, and I will leave the matter of same in your hands. If you take any of this material, it will be done with the understanding that you will set the price on same and remit a

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At Santa Cruz is one of our tractor operators, named Antonio Ramos, whom you might look over with the idea of engaging him to operate the Fordson, should you need a man to do so and intend to use a native. He made us a good man and we are glad to recommend him to you.

My return from Honduras is problematical and while there I will be in the timber. However, I will keep in touch with my office here. From this you will understand any delay in my correspondence or telegrams, should it be necessary for you to communicate with me.

I trust your trip will be most satisfactory and enjoyable. You certainly will obviate many discomforts by making the airplane trip you plan.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. A. Sanborn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

C. A. Sanborn.

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
514 American Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.
E. U. de A.

November 25, 1930.

Alvaro F. Perez Sucs.,
Alvaro Obregon,
Tabasco, Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Herewith a list, in Spanish and English, of material at Santa Cruz which we have sold to the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for use in their excavating work in Guatemala. We are letting them have this equipment to facilitate their work.

The Museum is represented by Mr. J. Alden Mason, or an agent appointed by him to receive this material. Upon the request of Mr. Mason or his agent, you are authorized to deliver equipment according to the list enclosed, taking a receipt for same and forwarding it to me.

To facilitate this delivery, please arrange to send to Santa Cruz, at my expense, some one from your office who is competent to handle same.

In the safe, in the filing case, in the desks, and in the wardrobe you will find there are some personal articles, books of the corporation, an adding machine, check protector, etc. Please make a list of these and have your man take them to Frontera, storing them pending further instructions. Also have him bring the two remaining Royal typewriters to Frontera.

Mr. Mason or his agent may wish some additional equipment such as chains, peavies, swamp hooks, tools, or parts of the machine shop; should they wish any of these, deliver same, taking a signed receipt for same separately.

This material is sold as is, in Santa Cruz, with no additional expense to accrue for my account.

I am sure this will receive your best attention, and you will give hearty co-operation to Mr. Mason or his agent, doing

Alvaro F. Perez Suss.

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you can to expedite their work and this delivery.

Thanking you for your consideration, and with cordial
best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. A. Sanborn.

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Direccion para abrir la Caja de hierre

Derecha. 5 o 6 vueltas hasta el 88.

Izquierda. 2 vueltas hasta el 8.

Derecha. 1 vuelta hasta el 69.

Izquierda. Hasta el 90 abrir.

Directions for opening the Safe.

Right 5 or 6 turns to the #88

Left two turns to the #8

Right 1 turn to the #69

Left to the #90 to open.

November 28, 1930.

Mexican Consul,
LaFayette Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penna.,

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith Factura No. 0026,
Carpeche Mahogany Corporation to this museum, dated
El 25 de Noviembre de 1930, covering certain goods
therein listed and showing payment has been received.

It is very much desired that this document
be legalized here in Philadelphia, if this is
possible, so that delivery in Mexico can be had
without delay. We are advised that for this legalization
it is necessary for us to obtain documentary stamps,
the greater portion of which are to be attached to
the enclosed factura, the remainder to be forwarded
to the seller, who will place them in his legalized
factura book.

I presume that your office will be able to
supply us with these stamps, and to advise us of the
amount required for this document (the purchase
price being \$1500 U.S. currency; and also as to
how much of the total must be attached to the factura
and how much forwarded to the seller.

I shall very much appreciate your courtesy
in examining the factura and returning it to the bearer,
together with the required number of stamps, and advice
as to how they should be apportioned. I understand those
upon the factura are to be cancelled, and if this
should be done by a government representative, will
you not be good enough to attach them and cancel, before
returning the document?

Very truly yours,

November 29, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn
Campeche Mahogany Corp.
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

Your letters of November 24th and 25th have been received with the inclosure of the facture and also the separate package containing the keys. As regards the Mexican official stamp on the facture, I have sent it down to the Mexican Consulate here who informs me that he cannot arrange it here and that I will have to take it to Mexico and have it arranged there. As I am leaving tomorrow night on the airplane flight about which I wrote you, I will take it with me and endeavor to arrange that matter while down there.

In your letter you said nothing about furnishing the bond which you promised in an earlier letter and I understand the Director Jayne sent you a telegram several days ago requesting you to forward such a bond.

Regarding your pistol and the miscellaneous equipment there, I shall endeavor to inspect them while in that region and will write you again upon my return although I presume that both this and future letters will have to be forwarded to you in Honduras and that you may not receive them for some time.

Hoping that your business in Honduras will be successful and with my thanks for you cooperation in this matter, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

December 20, 1930

Mr. C. A. Sanborn,
Campeche Mahogany Corp.,
514 American Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

I presume you may have read in the papers some accounts of our archaeological trip by aeroplane through the Yucatan region. We certainly created a tremendous excitement when we flew up the river, being the first aeroplane ever seen in that region.

I, while down there at Carmen, bought the official stamps which were placed on the factura which you sent to me, and I herewith enclose the stubs of these stamps for your official book. Since the factura did not state whether the sale was made in American or Mexican currency, Mr. Leslie Moore who arranged the matter for me after I had left, and sent them to me by mail, took it for granted that the sale was made in Mexican currency, and so the official stamps were purchased for that amount. I hope this is satisfactory.

We landed at Santa Cruz and I spent an hour there looking at your equipment. I wish I had been able to spend a number of hours or a day there going over it carefully and selecting other small needs and putting my name on those that I have purchased, but since the others were waiting for me I was not able to stay there longer. I noticed in particular some jacks, pulleys, and chains, which we will almost certainly want to purchase, but did not have the time to select these and appraise them. I know that my engineer Mr. Wyr paid a second visit there and sent me a fuller report on your equipment, but this letter has been lost apparently in the mail, and I have written to ask him to send me a copy of it.

I hope that you will not have moved your equipment from there until after we arrive early in February, for then we will select more objects of this type. However, as soon as I get Mr. Wyr's report, I will write to you again about these things. One thing we surely need is some of the most important repair parts for the Fordson tractor, and if you have your equipment moved before I get down there, I would appreciate it if you would see that some of these are left behind for me.

Hoping that your negotiations in Honduras are progressing,
I am

Campanento " Piedras Negras."

Guatemala. Feb. 27, 1931.

TITLES OF NOVELS PURCHASED BY THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA,

From The Campeche Mahogany Corp, Sta. Cruz.

1. KAI LUNG'S GOLDEN HOURS.
2. THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HELEN OF TROY.
3. DOMINIC CARPAX.
4. TRADER HORN.
5. WAR BIRDS.
6. SORRELL & SON.
7. NIGHT FALL.
8. FROM PRESIDENT TO PRISON.
9. REVOLT IN THE DESERT.
10. THE EAGLE'S FEATHER.
11. THE WORLD ALMANAC.
12. BEAU TANCHRED.
13. STOVER AT KKKK YALE.
14. BEAU GESTE.
15. MAD--UNDER THE YOKE--Etc.
16. OH. MR BIDGOOD.
17. THE HOUSE OF BALTAZAR.
18. THE MYSTERIOUS RIDER.
19. THE RED LAMB.
20. THE POLYGLOTS.
21. MY NORTHERN EXPOSURE.
22. CREDO.
23. THE RED CITY.
24. THE THREE HOSTAGES.
25. THE LION OF ST. MARK.
26. LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS.
27. THE TRADER.
28. THE TIN SOLDIER.
29. THE FLYING INN.
30. DIANA OF THE GREEN VAN.
31. THE WEAVERS.
32. PAUL RUNDL.
33. THE WINNING OF BARBARA WORTH.
34. CAP'N DAN'S DAUGHTER.

Taken delivery of at Sta. Cruz,

by :-


T. Egan-Wyer.

July 20, 1931

Campeche Mahogany Company
514 American Bank Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to explain to you and ask your wishes regarding certain objects which I have purchased from your company. Last year I bought some equipment from Mr. Sanborn's stock at Santa Cruz, near Balancan in Tabasco, Mexico, and paid him \$1500 for it. At the same time he gave me written permission to take whatever other small equipment I needed from there and to pay him its proper valuation. He also wrote to his agents, Alvaro F. Perez, informing them of this permission. I saw Mr. Sanborn in New Orleans about January 27 of this year, just a few days before his lamented death, and at that time he again assured me that I might take any small equipment I needed and send him a check. Consequently I selected what I wanted and then sent a check to Alvaro F. Perez for 422 pesos, the sum I estimated as the value of the implements taken. That company informed me that they had no authority to accept money in payment from Mr. Sanborn but they acknowledged they had given them permission to let me take the implements and they therefore placed the check to my account.

When I was in their offices a month ago the manager informed me that they had had no communications with you for a long time and did not know the conditions of the company at present. Therefore I am writing to ask you how I should pay for these objects.

Sincerely yours,

J. Alden Mason, Curator

1220 HENRY CLAY AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS

My dear Mr Mason

Your letter to the Campeche Mahogany Company has been sent to me, and I hardly know how to advise you about the money you have sent to Alvaro Perez.

The company has been dissolved, I believe, at my husband's death, and I am perfectly ignorant of its status now.

I remember hearing Mr Sanborn say that there was a peon employed, I believe, as a watchman who had a sum due him for wages, as he had always refused to draw his pay, preferring to leave it in the care of the company. It seems to me that he would have as much claim on this money as anyone, and you might inquire of Alvaro Perez about it.

August the 3rd

Yours truly

Henry Brooks Sanborn

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BERT FLANDERS, JR.
ROLF I. SEEBERG

August 18th, 1931.

J. Alden Mason, Esq.,
Curator, The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Mason:

Your letter of August 13th addressed to Mrs. Sanborn, has been handed to us by her with the request that we write you and explain this situation to you.

When Mr. Sanborn died he left his affairs in a hopelessly involved condition. He had encumbered his interest in the Campeche Mahogany Company far beyond its value. Even if the company could realize an amount substantially more than we understand is its value for its equipment in Mexico, the creditors of the company, as well as those of Mr. Sanborn, would eat this amount up several times.

It seemed to us therefore, and we so advised Mrs. Sanborn, that she should leave it up to the creditors of the estate, as well as those of the Campeche Mahogany Company to take such action as they deem best to salvage the assets of that company, and to liquidate them as profitably as possible. We assure you that Mrs. Sanborn has her hands full taking care of her own little affairs, and seeing to it that her children are properly cared for. It would be foolhardy for her to take any interest in the affairs of the Campeche Mahogany Company under the circumstances.

She is in receipt of a letter from Messrs. Alvaro F. Perez, of Tabasco, asking for instructions with regard to the same matter. We are taking the liberty of sending them a copy of this letter to you with the suggestion that they dispose of the assets of the company as best they may for the account of whom it may concern. If they will then communicate with us, advising us as to the status matters, we shall endeavor to give them what help we can.

Very truly yours,

E. Deutsch

February 4, 1932

Executors of the Estate of Mr. C. L. Sanborn
c/o Mrs. Mary Moore Sanborn
1220 Henry Clay Avenue
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you in care of Mrs. Sanborn because I have unfortunately mislaid the letter you sent me sometime ago and I do not remember your names. I am enclosing you a letter which was sent to me to be forwarded. It is from Fernando Mis, the caretaker of Mr. Sanborn's camp at Santa Cruz, Tabasco, and is addressed to Mrs. Sanborn, she being the only one to whom he could write. I also inclose a transcription in good Spanish and a free translation. This letter was given by Mr. Mis to my agent from Tampique who went to the camp to secure some small parts for the wagons which I had bought from Sanborn and paid for but which had been overlooked and left behind. I am returning to Alvaro Obregon, or Frontera as it was formerly called, in two weeks or less and shall be possibly going via New Orleans, although this is not certain. From Frontera I shall go up the river and pass by Santa Cruz. If there is anything that I can do for you or Mrs. Sanborn in that region, I shall be happy to do so.

My representatives inform me that everything there at the camp is in a very bad state and what is not stolen will be ruined in a short while. I understand from your earlier letter to me, that you have decided to abandon this material entirely and let the creditors of the estate salvage it if they care to and presumably you do not care to give me any instructions about it. However, Mr. Sanborn gave me written permission to take from there, whatever I needed and to pay him what it was worth. I owe several hundred pesos for minor things which we took from there last year and I may find it convenient to take a few more things. Possibly in view of the fact that the company owes Mr. Mis for a number of months of service, it might be the best and cleanest thing if I were to give him the value of the things I have taken and may take.

I presume that you will not wish to compromise yourself with the creditors of the company by giving me definite instructions but any advice which you feel able to give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Mason

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BERT FLANDERS, JR.
ROLF I. SEEBERG

February 12, 1932

J. Alden Mason, Esq.,
c/o The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Executors of the Estate of Mr. Sanborn, has been referred by Mrs. Sanborn to us for attention.

Mrs. Sanborn has no connection whatever with the Campeche Mahogany Company. Mr. Sanborn's stock in that company was pledged to the American Manufacturing Company, Noble & West Streets, Brooklyn, New York, and they have recently requested some information relative to the affairs of the company. Mr. Sanborn's estate was hopelessly insolvent. We are, therefore, entirely without authority as is the estate of Mr. Sanborn, to arrange for receipts or disbursements by this company.

However, it might be well, entirely informally, to arrange to pay the caretaker, Mr. Mis, the amount due him out of funds due by you to the Company, as this seems entirely fair, independent of legal remedies.

Regretting our inability to advise you more definitely, we are,

Very truly yours,



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