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TUCKERS TOWN LAND CASES ARE HEARD.

On Tuesday morning the Tuckers Town Commissioners met at the Walker's house, in that parish and transacted a very considerable amount of business.

The first case to be considered was one which dealt with the estate of Princess Jennings Smith and involved all sorts of legal technicalities, as she died intestate leaving three daughters, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Spencer. Mrs. Clark died some little time ago leaving three children, all minors, and pending the production of her will no settlement can be arrived at.

Mrs. Eddy on her own behalf and that of Mrs. Spencer claimed that they were the guardians of the three Clark children and asked £2,000 for the property, comprising approximately 11 acres of land with a stone cottage thereon. The case was adjourned whilst further inquiries are made.

The next case to be considered was that of Artemus Leslie Talbot, owner of 15 acres, 54 perches of land with a wooden cottage situated thereon. The owner was represented by his brother B. D. Talbot who refused the Development Company's offer of £1100 and offered to sell for £2000. Mr. Gosling on behalf of the company went to £1600, which the Commissioners raised to £1650. Talbot refused and Mr. Gosling then raised his offer to £1800, which Talbot finally accepted.

The case of George Smith, owner of seven acres of land with a stone cottage, is another very involved one, which could not be settled until further inquiries have been made. Smith had agreed to part with his property and to accept in exchange a piece of land with two cottages in Smiths Parish, plus £400 cash. It now transpires however that there is some doubt as to whether Smith owns the property, it being claimed that an inmate of the Asylum has an interest. Smith denies this and, pending further investigation, the case was adjourned.

After the Commissioners had fortified themselves with lunch they adjourned to the house recently acquired by the Development Company from Benedict Prieth. Here a Jury assembled to assess the value of a property approximating one acre and belonging to George Stewart McLean of Shippensburg, Pa. The property is situated on Harrington Sound and adjoins that of Benedict Prieth. Mr. G. C. G. Montague appeared on behalf of McLean and Mr. J. R. Conyers on behalf of the Development Company. The property was originally purchased for £166 and the Jury awarded its owner £240.

Next was considered the case of Charles Hollis, employed by the Development Company as Foreman of their works at Tuckers Town. He is the owner of rather less than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre with stone cottage. Mr. Gosling, on behalf of the Company, offered to give him a lot measuring 100 X 100 and situated near Mangrove Lake. A four room cottage with kitchen and all modern conveniences will be built for him and in addition he will be given £100 in cash.

This offer was accepted by Hollis subject to his wife's approval of the proposed site.

The Commissioners then executed orders vesting the properties of A. E. Bourne, C. R. W. Darrell, and T. I. O'Connor in the Company.

The next meeting of the Commissioners will be held at Tuckers Town to-day, when a Jury besides other business, will be drawn to consider the cases of B. D. and John Talbot, two of the largest land owners in Tuckers Town.