

sept. 4, 1916.

The J. B. McCrary Company,

Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of August 28, on my return last evening from several days in Cincinnati.

I note that your Mr. Fambrough expects to be in Charleston within ten days from the writing of your letter, and his suggestion that on his return he could arrange a conference with us at Prestonsburg. This we would be very glad indeed to do; and beg to suggest that it would be but a little out of his way for him to come to Prestonsburg as he returns from Charleston. He can leave Charleston about noon, reach Ashland about 1 P. M., and leave Ashland for Prestonsburg at 4 P. M., reaching here at 7:42 P.M.

We have a town here of about 2500 inhabitants. A large number of the people are employed in and work for the five coal operations within a mile of the town. The improvements that are mostly desired, so it seems to me, are water and sewerage. We can get, I am sure, satisfactory franchises, and plenty of cooperation from the town authorities in the matter. It would also be desirable to have gas, and we believe that it would be a most satisfactory investment, especially so in view of the fact that we have gas in abundant quantities within about eight miles of the town.

We will be very much pleased to see Fambrough here at such time as may meet his convenience, or to meet him at any other point to discuss these matters in detail, having in mind that the installation of these conveniences should be on such a basis as would be mutually advantageous.

Very truly yours,

JDH.