

financing. But I have been heartened by the convincing evidences I have already seen of the wonderful results where water meets the land.

The Government is interested to aid your efforts; from the standpoint of adding to the national wealth, by the transmutation of arid spaces into fertile fields. It is interested also in the protection of the national finances, so that money advanced to prosper this work may not be dissipated in doubtful projects or jeopardized in experiments. We must look for plans that are safe; plans so conceived that they will not unduly burden the settler in the days when he is reducing the land to production; plans that will be