



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
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Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,  
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Fletcher:

I will take pleasure in directing that you be informed as to any surveys taken up in the peat fields of Florida. So far as land surveys are concerned, the land being patented, the General Land Office is not likely to have much occasion to go into the area. The Geological Survey has, I believe, already determined the facts as to the occurrence of extensive beds of peat and has published that fact. The Bureau of Mines, as you are aware, is already engaged in a study of the methods of mining and utilizing peat and its results when completed will be applicable to Florida deposits as well as those elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Timney*  
Acting Secretary.