

February 23rd, 1934.

Mr. J. L. Glenn, Indian Agent,
Dania, Florida.

My dear Mr. Glenn:

I am this date in receipt of a letter from Captain J. F. Jaudon addressed to me as General Manager at Everglades, to the Empire Land Company, Chevalier Corporation and to yourself under date of February 19th.

I have no information whatever concerning Captain Tony being located on property belonging to the Collier Interests although section 36 twp. 53 range 34 is the property of the Tamiami Land Development Company, I believe.

As you well know, it has always been the policy of the Collier organization to assist the Seminoles in every way possible and that to date we have never collected or assessed any rental whatever on any property which they might desire to utilize. On the contrary we have always been perfectly willing for them to utilize any property we had which was not already leased to others and in all except one instance we have never even required a lease to be signed.

If Captain Tony is located on our property it will be a pleasure to us for him to continue there, although we would desire that he or you indicate to us where he is so that there will be no question of squatter rights arising in the future.

We know nothing concerning Captain Tony having been ordered to vacate his improvements but certainly if any "keep out" or "no trespassing" signs have been posted on the Collier Interests property where Captain Tony is located, the same has been done without any authority whatever from us.

At your convenience may I suggest that you see Captain Tony and express to him the willingness of the Collier organization for him to remain on any property belonging to the Collier organization provided that in so remaining he does not assume any squatter right whatever. Inasmuch as the question of squatter rights has been raised, may we ask whether or not in your opinion it should be advisable for the Collier organization to obtain leases from the various Indian families and groups which are occupying any quantity of our lands at present without lease. It had always been the writer's opinion that the Indians were appreciative of what little we were able to do for them in this respect but if, as would appear from Captain Jaudon's letter, the Indians may have in their minds obtaining squatters rights, it may be necessary for us, for our own protection, to require leases.

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We will do nothing concerning this matter until we hear from you and would suggest that on your next visit to this part of the county you drop in and see the writer.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Captain Tony in care of Captain Jaudon so that Captain Tony may know that insofar as the Collier organization is concerned, we have no objection whatever to him remaining in section 36-54-34, provided he understands that we are giving him no squatter right whatever.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

D. Graham Copeland.

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CC-Captain Tony,
c/o Captain J.F.Jaudon,
Ochopee, Fla.