

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Miami, Fla., Aug 2. 1915.

Mrs. Minnie Meere Willson,
Hotel Imperial, New York City.,

My dear Mrs. Willson:-

On my return from a trip to the Okeechobee band of Indians, I found your letter awaiting me. In regard to the picture of Osceola, there is no immediate hurry and I will take the matter up with you on your return to Florida.

In re. the Jennings lands, my data has become misplaced in the move from Orlando to Miami but I am taking the matter up with the Improvement Association and as soon as I get definite information I will forward it to you.

I saw Billie Belegs on my trip and had a long talk with him. He has just cleared out a fine field and fenced it with hog-proof wire fencing and was contemplating setting it to orange trees. I advised him not to do this as the owner would take it away from him as soon as it amounted to any thing. I offered him a tract on the reservation and he decided to raise two or three crops and by that time some of the Indians would be settled on the reservation and he would then come and set out his orange grove there. I have 15 Indians now who are ready to settle on their own lands as soon as Congress will give us some money to start with.

Please write and let me know how long you will be in New York so that I will know where to address you.

Very truly,

Lucretia Spencer.