

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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My dear Mrs. Willson:

Time passes and nothing has developed which enables me to tie up your Indians with my work. The day may come when I shall be able to help a little but the point is - it has not yet come.

The other day I dropped in on the Audubon Society of New York and heard a great deal about this work in the protection of Southern birds, and particularly the egret. I don't know whether you are in communication with them or if there is any point in common between your work and theirs; but I thought of you at the time, and so, mention it here.

Another thought occurs to me. I have had a good deal to do with private associations which have humanitarian and public-spirited objects. I am surprised at the number of these associations and at the splendid accomplishment of some of them. Why don't you start an association for your Indians? If, for instance, instead of working all by yourself with the backing of friendly individuals you were the moving spirit of an organized association, I think you would find yourself in a stronger position. Do you expect to be in New York again this summer?

Sincerely yours,

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