

Kissimmee, Fla., March 2, 1916.

Mr. Joseph K. Griffith -- (Tahan),
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Last summer through the Pearson's, I got your new address, and it is with regret that I have not written you earlier in the fall.

Last week Mr. Albert Gale took supper with us on his way North, after he had had a most interesting visit with the Seminole Indians -- securing six of their wonderful songs, which he was good enough to give credit to my husband and myself for his introduction to the Seminoles. I hope something great will come out of this wonderful and ancient music.

During our conversation, Mr. Gale spoke of you and your work on the platform, and I know you must still be saying a good word for our Seminoles.

I have worked, very, very hard for the last three years, and feel that I have public sentiment strong for these people, and the only difficulty in their not getting lands lies in the hands of a very few politicians and land-grabbers, who are determined to fight every ~~move~~ that will give the Indians the land they so rightfully deserve and really own.

During the last three or four months, I have been having a set of resolutions go over the country into state as well as national conventions, of which I am sending you a copy. The last paragraph of these resolutions which includes the slogan, is the part that seems to hurt the politicians and speculators, as they are trying to repress it on every occasion. This is why I exceedingly regret that I did not get these resolutions to you earlier in the fall; that you might have used it on your platform work, since the significant question seems to be arousing more interest than the story of the tragedy of these people, as it makes people think and ask questions. For this reason, I will very much appreciate your using this slogan whenever you can do so. I wish I might be able to get it into the associated press; which you may be able to do.

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J.K.G.

My wings have been slightly clipped in Florida, because the leading paper is controlled by the same people who own the Everglade land, and they refuse to take any articles, even the simplest one, concerning the Seminoles from me.

Thanking you for your interest in these people -- they are needing more help every day, as they are now hungry and helpless -- I am,

Sincerely yours;

MMW-RP
Enclosure