

Kissimmee, Fla., Feb. 12, 1916.

Mr. Albert Steak,
Stuart, Fla.

Dear Sir:

It was my misfortune to miss seeing you when I was in Indian Town Wednesday. I had planned to hunt you up in Stuart, as I had been told by the Indians at Billy Stuart's camp that you had returned to Florida; but it seems you came up to Indian Town late that evening, and I did not know you were there.

I made the trip to Okeechobee City from Kissimmee, where we got Billy Bowlegs and his wagon to take us by Billy Buster's camp, and on to Indian Town. I had with me two friends,--officers of the Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia. This visit of Messrs. Sniffen and Elkinton I believe means a great deal for our Indian friends, as it will help the friends of the Florida Seminoles to have such strong allies for co-operation.

At Indian Town we got Willson Tiger to go with these gentlemen to see the Lauderdale, Miami, and Big Cypress camps; but I am just in receipt of a wire from Mr. Sniffen telling me the water is too low for them to make the trip across the Glades, and that he will come back and go around by Ft. Myers.

I am very glad indeed, Mr. Steak, to know that you are back in Florida to give our Seminole Indians the benefit of your influence and help. Their condition, spiritually as well as physically, has been a burden on the hearts of Mrs. Willson and myself for a great many years, but I really believe the dawn is breaking for a better day for them.

They told me of your visits, and they seemed to have a high regard and respect for you, and I believe you can accomplish a great deal with them.

When I was in Stuart, Willson Tiger and I went to call on Mr. Harjo, but unfortunately he and his family were out of town, so I was denied the pleasure of meeting them.

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Mr. Albert Steak.



I have just received a letter from Mrs. Alice B. Davis, of Newoka, telling me of your plans, and I well know what a great sacrifice you are making, but I feel confident the good Lord will bless you in it, and much will be accomplished through your efforts.

As I see the situation with our Indian friends, they must have permanent homes where they will be secure in any improvements they make.

I hope it may be my good fortune to have the pleasure of meeting you some time, and to talk over the situation with you.

I will be glad to hear from you from time to time, as everything connected with our Florida Indians is of much interest to me.

With kind regards and best wishes, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

JNW-RP