

Kissimmee, Fla., March 22, 1916.

Mrs. Frank Jennings,
1807 Oak St.,
Jacksonville, Fla.

My dear Mrs. Jennings:

I am enclosing a copy of the Seminole Land Bill of 1899, as I promised you.

There are many things developing along Seminole lines. I am in direct communication with Washington authorities, and I find from the Secretary of the Interior's report of 1898 that a large area of land was recommended to be granted to the Seminoles, as per instructions of the Secretary, and through the special survey and recommendation of Hon. H. A. Duncan, Indian Commissioner and brother-in-law of President McKinley. These lands tally to the acre with the lands now owned by the Cape Sable Company, and must have been secured between '98 and '99.

In this bill you will see the joker -- "Provided that nothing in this act, etc." According to Washington authorities, this seems to be the reason that the Seminole Land Bills have been thwarted during all these years.

The lands owned by our friend, the enemy, are scattered all over the Everglades, and it would be difficult to find a large area.

They earnestly ask that the cooperation of the Women's Clubs continue to help public opinion. Publicity may cause those who are in control of legislative affairs to make a grant, rather than have an expose and show up this land-grabbing act.

I notice by the Sunday Times Union that you are again President of the Jacksonville Woman's Club. I certainly congratulate Jacksonville, and me very proud of you -- and just here let me say that your picture is splendid -- the best that has ever appeared.

We are expecting the State Peace Association to meet in this town April 13-15, and you know my plans will be full, but we are expecting a splendid time.

I wish I could see you and tell you the many things that have been happening during the past month. They would certainly interest you, because they are big things, and being done by big people. If you consider the heads of departments at Washington as such.

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Mrs. F. J.

I keep in touch with your work through the Federation page, and am very proud indeed to know you and the good work you are doing.

We have a splendid Woman's Club here now, but I felt a little disappointed this morning when I had a letter saying that we were too young a club to federate with the national organization. We sent in our dues more than a month ago, and I do not understand why we can't federate.

I know you are very pushed, but won't you write me when you can? With best congratulations, and hoping to see you if I should pass through Jacksonville in May, I am,

Very sincerely,

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