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Orlando, Florida.

March 1st, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Moore-Wilson.
Kissimmee, Florida.

Dear Madam:--

Your name has been given me, as one who is very familiar with the Seminole Indians of the everglades.

For the above reasons I am presuming upon your kindness to ask you for some information.

In company with two other men, I am preparing to go into the glades, next week, in an effort to contact these people and spend a week or two among them,-- if possible to do so.

Mr. Charles Bell, Emerson, of Adventure Magazine; Thos. Vincent Kelly, artist; and myself,-- mediocre writer,-- will constitute the party of three. All of us trail and jungle wise, with many years experience in the tropical jungles of South and Central America; we will not require information as to the actual journeying, but will require considerable of it as to where we are to journey.

Can you inform me where we may go, to best procure a competent guide, and interpreter if one is necessary;-- an Indian preferred? The best place for us to commence the journey, with our guide; and where we may find the Seminole, practically as he was in the days of Osceola?

We have no desire to see them on their reservation, but provided they have villages, or a village, where they are now as primitive as they were several years ago; that is our aim, to find them, talk to them, if possible; to sketch them, and to secure sketch material, base for article, or articles; with possible fiction ideas.

I have recently come into possession of an old poem, by Patten, "THE SEMINOLES REPLY".-- A beautiful thing. Do you have it? If not, I will be very glad to send you a copy.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give us, I beg to remain.

Yours very truly.

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