

From
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My. Dear Madame:

Last Winter I read your book on the Seminole Indians in Florida, and was greatly impressed by the sympathetic interest you have shown in these people.

I have wanted to assure myself as to just how much land these Seminole Indians own in Florida, and about two weeks ago I wrote to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in Washington, for information on the subject. In the reply of his chief clerk there appears the following statement:

"A total of nearly 27,000 acres has been purchased or reserved for the benefit of the Seminole Indians in Florida.

"These lands are in Lee County, Palm Beach County and Dade County, the larger area being in the first named County. In addition, the lands purchased and reserved for these Indians by the Federal Government, the State of Florida reserved and set aside for their use, by act of Legislature in 1917, a total of 100,000 acres located in Monroe County.

"The entire area purchased and reserved for these Indians covers approximately 198 square miles."

Would you kindly inform me if the lands "reserved and set aside" by the Florida Legislature for these Seminole Indians, as indicated in the above quotations, are now actually in their possession.

I shall greatly appreciate your reply and thank you in advance for the same.

Very Truly Yours
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I did not answer this.