

Kissimmee, Fla., May 14, 1915.

Hon. L. A. Spencer, Indian Commissioner,
Tallahassee, Fla.

My dear Mr. Spencer:

I am sorry to learn from your letter that the Indian land bill seems to be stuck on the calendar. If Senator Fogarty can not champion the bill in the Senate, how would it do for you to take the subject up with Senator Donegan? Senator Donegan is interested in the matter, and I am quite sure would do everything he could for it.

Recently Mrs. Willson had a letter from Mrs. W. S. Jennings, in which she said she regretted not seeing you when she was in Tallahassee. I, too, am sorry that she has not had a talk with you, as I think there are two points on which Mrs. Jennings needs correct information. I believe she thinks that the Government bill granting \$10,000 for the use of the Florida Seminoles was passed. I think she has referred to the matter once or twice or oftener, and she seems to have that idea very firmly in her head.

The other point upon which I think she needs some correct information is this: She objects to the present land bill because she says the land is worthless and the Indians should have some good land, and she is unwilling that they should have any other kind. She wants such land set aside for them as they cultivate and can make their fields upon. I do not think that she understands your plan of establishing a farm and school on the 1900 acres the Government has set aside near Utopia.

I think if you could explain to her that the bill of \$10,000 in Congress did not pass, and that the land the Legislature is now being asked to set aside for the Indians is for them a hunting ground, which they will very much need in the future. With these two points explained to

her definitely, I feel quite sure it would help the situation very much. I am so thoroughly convinced of this that I would suggest that you get in communication with her, and if she is not coming to Tallahassee soon, I believe it would be wise for you to go to Jacksonville and talk the matter over with her. She says she wishes the Indians to have land, but she wants it to be GOOD LAND. Therefore, I feel that it is important that she have the correct information on these two points.

Trusting that you can arrange to see her soon, I remain,

Very truly yours,

JMW/RP