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Philadelphia, April 25, 1917

Mr. J. M. Willson, Jr.,
Leon Hotel,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Mr. Willson:

Your favors of the 21st and 22nd received. The copy of the Tallahassee DEMOCRAT also arrived. You are making good progress in securing publicity, and I think it will all help.

I am very glad to know that the I. I. Board has formerly announced that it has no objection to the proposed granting of land for the Indians. I anticipated this in view of the position taken by the Attorney General while I was at Tallahassee. It ought to go a great way in clearing the air. I also hope that the Monroe County delegation will soon be brought in line.

As I wrote you, I think your statement of reasons why the Seminoles should have a reservation is excellent. There is one more point that you might make in that connection that carries weight with the members of the Legislature, viz., that our bill does not involve a dollar of appropriation by the State.

I am sorry that Mrs. Willson has been ill, and I hope she is all right by this time.

As I wrote you before, I expect to have everything cleaned up here by May 2nd, and then I will start for Tallahassee. I did not see Mr. Sears on my trip to Washington last week, and I think I will arrange to stop off there on my way down and I hope I can find him. He had in mind, in case our bill went through, to have the Legislature pass some joint resolution requesting him to secure

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from Congress
adequate appropriations, to enable the Federal Government to do
the kind of work that should be undertaken for the Seminoles.

You have been doing splendid work, and I am sure we all appreciate it. I shall hope to see you probably by the end of next week, if all goes well.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

M. K. Sniffen