

Kissimmee Fla. October 2nd. 1917

Hon. Van C Swearingen,
Tallahassee Fla.,

Dear Mr. Van Swearingen:-

I want to request a favor in the form of a little information which I believe you can give me without too much trouble, I trust.

As you doubtless know, at the last Legislature a bill was passed and signed by the Governor, - setting aside a tract of land for a reservation for the Seminole Indians.

The Board of the Internal Improvement Fund was requested to transfer this land to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

What I want to know is,

- 1st Who now compose the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions ?
- 2nd, and, Has this land ever been transferred ?

If the land has not been transferred, can you in a quiet way find out for me why, or where the hitch is in the matter. I feel a great interest in these Indians, and would be very sorry indeed to see any thing hinder the setting aside of this land. I wrote to the Governor some time ago, asking if the land had been transferred, and the Secy. Mr. Burke wrote me that no transfer had been made yet, this was about the middle of July.

Thanking you in advance for any information you can give me, and with kind regards, and congratulations,
I beg to remain,

Very Truly Yours,