

Kissimmee Fla. July 12th. 1918

Hon. F.E. Brandon, Spl. Supervisor
Miami Fla.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to make a suggestion or two which you may give such attention to as you may consider necessary.

1st. The Indians have 80 acres in St. Lucia County, the S.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 & N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 Sec. 6, T₃₅ R. 37 W. This land was placed on the list of lands not assessed for taxes, but I do not know that it has staid on that list. It might have been changed to the taxable list- sold for taxes- and some desiring person gotten a tax title, and while it would not hold, still it might cause some trouble to get straightened out.

Should you look up the records as to these taxes, I would be glad to know your findings.

2nd. I notice in yesterdays' paper, - which clipping I beg to enclose that John Ashley, who murdered DeSota Tighe, - one of the Indian Town band; - has made his escape. You may have seen this item of news, but I wished to say that Ashley's people live in and around Hobe Sound, and West Palm Beach, and doubtless he will finally make his way back there. I have always felt that Ashley should have been hung, and that there never was the same effort made by the officers of West Palm Beach, to get him- there would have been if had been a white man killed.

The 100,000 acres set aside by the State as a reservation for these Indians I think, should be transferred to the National Government, as it would make it safer and more protection for the Indians. If this is in accord with your and Mr. Gulls ideas, I would be glad to have any suggestions, if I can be of any assistance in the matter. If you have ever seen this tract of land I would be glad to know what you think of it as being suitable for their use.

I trust you have been able to stop the St. Lucia canal- whiskey selling scheme. I have never heard any thing more about it.

With kind regards, I beg to remain,

Very Truly Yours,