

Nov. 11th. 1921

Mr. Tony D.M. Tony, Seminole Indian  
Fort Lauderdale Fla.

Dear Friend Tony;

Your letter to me was received some days ago, but I have been too busy to write, but to day is a holiday so I will get some letters off.

I am sending you with this letter a check for \$5.00 and feel that it is all I can spare, and I hope it will be of much help to you. If any of the Indians get sick, you should writed at once to Mr. Lucian Spencer, the Indian Agent at Fort Meyers Fla. He will be glad to help any of the Indians in any way he can, any time.

It might be that Mr. Spencer could help to find work for any of the Indians wishing for a job of work. He is a good man for the Indians to get acquainted with, as his work is to help the Indians.

I notice Tony, that you sign your name, as Chief of the Seminoles, and I wish to ask if you are not making a mistake in so doing? As I understand the matter, the Florida Seminoles do not now have any chief, since Wox-i-wo-co. died. They have a Council that governs but no chief.

I feel quite confident that the "Cow Creek" Indians and the Big Cypress Indians do not claim you as their chief, and for this reason my suggestion would be that you do not use this term, as I believe it will hurt your influence both with the Indians and with the whites.

I am saying this in all kindness to you, and I want to do every thing I can to help not only you but any of the other Indians I can at any time. I hope you will encourage all of the Indians to work and to make fields, as I believe the hunting will not support the Seminoles like it has done in the past years. Help them to find jobs and urge them to stick to work as money is very scarce and times very hard, not only for the Indians but for the whites as well.

Please remember me to any of the Indians I know and give them all my kindest regards.

Very Sincerely Yours,