

Nov. 11th. 1921

Capt. Lucius Spencer,
Special Indian Agent;
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Spencer;

Recently I have had several letters from the Indians, and all the news I can get seems to agree that they are having a hard time to get food and medicine and are having a hard time of it generally, to make ends meet.

A friend showed me a letter from a white person living in Tampa telling of a visit they had made to the Billy Smith tribe then camped on Istapoga Canal, and saying these Indians were having a hard fight for existence.

These may be conditions you are fully acquainted with or it may be news to you, but I felt it would do no harm to drop you a line.

The direct information I have received is from Ft. Lauderdale camp. Willie Jasper, for himself and for his sister have written me for help, and Tony B.M. Tony has written me for help. I have sent them at this camp \$15.00 to gather, but it was not near all they asked for.

They tell me there is some sickness, fever, in this camp, and I have written them to write you, and to report to you any sickness they know of. I also advised them to get jobs of work and stick to them, as times were hard not only with the Seminoles but with the whites as well.

Any assistance I can be to you at any time in this work please command me. Trusting you are well and prospering, and with best wishes, I beg to remain,

Very Sincerely Yours,