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SEMINOLES

Dear Jimmie Wiltsie:

Tuesday morning I left early for Sarasota and only got back this morning and had not a minute to spare on Monday.

The Act of 1917 is quite short and contains only two Sections.

The first Section states that the lands "are hereby set aside and given to the Seminole Indians of Florida as a reservation".

The second Sections is as follows: "The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are hereby directed to convey to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions the title to said described lands, in trust, however, for the perpetual use and benefit of the Indians aforesaid, and as a reservation for them".

This conclusively settles it. Once a trust, always a trust. It seems to me, therefore, that we need not worry. The reservation is safely beyond the reach of land speculators. Have you ever inquired whether the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund ever carried out the provisions of the Act by deeding the reservation to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and if they did was the deed drawn in conformity with the Act? Let me suggest that you write to the Board for a certified copy of the deed which ought not to cost more than a couple of dollars.

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Thanks for Mr. Sniffen's letter which I am returning enclosed.

Marian tells me that she spent an enjoyable day yesterday with your good "squaw".

No time for more, but next time you get another palpitation of your Seminole heart be sure to call on me and we will hiepus ojus.

Sincerely,



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