

January 7, 1929

Hon. Chas. H. Burke,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
U. S. Indian Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burke:-

Some years ago when Mr. Frank M. Brandon was acting as Special Seminole Agent in Florida during Captain Spencer's absence, Mr. Brandon commenced his cattle ranch proposition for these Indians and had fenced some of the land; last year the rumor came to me that the fenced land had been leased to some white men for pasture purposes.

My object in writing you is to learn at first hand what is really the status of this undertaking.

Honorable Brandon's idea seemed to be a wise means of getting the Seminole established in some permanent way to make a living, as they are natural herders.

The new hard surfaced roads running into lower Florida are carrying many white hundreds into the Glades, and fast exterminating the game.

The Seminoles seem to be having a hard time, especially since the hurricanes of 1926 and 1928, and do not seem to settle in any one place.

Whatever information you can give me regarding this land owned by the Federal Government and whether it has been leased to the whites, I would appreciate knowing from you.

I am enclosing you a circular of my new 8th edition

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Seminoles of Florida, and I am glad to tell you it is meeting with a very satisfactory reception from the reading public.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date and wishing for you a most happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely,

Minnie Moore Willson.

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