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Mr. J. M. Willson,
11 Darlington Ave.,
Kissimmee, Florida

Dear Mr. Willson:

Your favor of the 11th instant received, and read with interest.

Last week I discussed the Seminole situation with the new Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Rhoads. His feeling was that he would arrange for a disinterested study of the matter at the first opportunity with a view to formulating a plan that would fit existing conditions. I do not suppose anything can be done before Autumn, and until such a survey is made, I doubt that any move will be taken in the premises. So many conflicting reports have reached the Commissioner regarding the Seminoles that he wants to have an impartial study made, as I have indicated, before deciding what action to take.

The position of Superintendent, or agent, for the Seminoles is in the classified service, and not subject to appointment by the Commissioner. To be eligible, you would therefore have to pass a civil service examination. In any event, I do not think there would be any use of you making an application for the superintendency at this juncture. But that is a matter for you to decide, in the light of what I have written above.

As for my coming down, I could not do so, under any circumstances before November; and I would not want to make a move in that direction until Commissioner Rhoads has had a chance to arrange for his own investigation. He starts West to-day, to be gone about six weeks, and I presume the matter will have to await his return.

I had a letter from Mrs. Willson a few days ago, and I expect to call on her, in New York, Saturday of this week, when we can discuss the Seminoles.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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