

certain that unless we are prepared and equipped, we cannot maintain an equal contest with him in life's race. It is cruel to blast our hopes and destroy the good work so well begun, and so far accomplished, so certain of profit to the Indian and credit to the United States, by fencing us into closer relationship with him than at present.

It is alleged that in the Territory the laws are not enforced, and that the local judiciary is a farce. So far as the Seminoles are concerned, we know this is not true, and believe it is slanderous of the other Nations as well; we challenge truthful contradiction and invite the closest inspection.

We forbear to offer criticisms upon the Federal judicial system that divides the Territory into three grand divisions at great cost to the United States, greater injustice to its inhabitants, which might be easily remedied to a large extent with profit and equal advantage to all parties in interest.

We have thus merely touched upon the outcropping of the different branches that would be engrafted upon the body of this new system of government, and feel that we should close our plea. In doing so we shall only remark that we see no good reason why there should be any due haste or rashness in dealing with our people, who are