
Seminole Document: Paraphrased Transcription

I will state, however, that we will feel very unhappy about being called to Florida during the hot weather months. It would, indeed, be literally calling us to the grave, for our health could not survive a climate so completely different from the one we have been familiar with. The transition from healthful mountain air to the damp infected heat of the lowlands, from the cool & clear streams of freestone water of Madison County to the muddy, sluggish limestone pond & swamp of Florida would be nearly certain death to the mountain-dweller as that Oseola, who outdid both Scott and Gaines.

YOURS, WITH FEELINGS OF RESPECT & ADMIRATION

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