

APPROPRIATIONS—DADE MEMORIAL PARK.

Tallahassee, Fla., September 21, 1921.

*Hon. Ernest Amos,
State Comptroller,
Tallahassee, Fla.*

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 8503, Acts of 1921, providing for the establishment of Dade Memorial Park, Hon. Fred C. Cubberly, Hon. J. C. B. Koonce and Mrs. A. M. Roland, were appointed Commissioners to locate the scene of the Dade Massacre and to acquire title to 80 acres of land embracing the battle ground involved in the Dade Massacre. It is also provided that the appropriation to pay for the land embracing the battle ground shall not be available until the Attorney General shall have passed upon the sufficiency of the deed and validity of the title to the property.

The Commissioners have submitted to me the proposed form of deed, which I have marked "Exhibit A," and attach hereto, and which I approve. They have also furnished me with an abstract of title and advised me that they have arranged to procure from R. F. Collins when he executes the proposed deed, a satisfaction of a certain mortgage, which appears of record having been executed by C. Beville and wife, Mary Beville, to Herman J. Zeuch; and also a satisfaction of a mortgage executed by R. F. Collins and wife to N. L. Godfrey; also a quit claim deed to himself from W. J. Fussell, and also a quit claim deed to himself from Peninsular Naval Stores Company.

The delivery to R. F. Collins of these four instruments properly executed will cause the fee simple title in and to the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20,

Township 21 East, Range 22 South, to be vested in R. F. Collins. And a deed in the form hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A," executed by R. F. Collins and his wife, Florence E. Collins, to the aforesaid Commissioners will vest a good fee simple title in the said Commissioners.

I transmit to you herewith all papers which have been transmitted to me, including the requisition of the Commissioners upon you, as Comptroller of the State of Florida, for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to be paid for the lands above described, upon the delivery to them of the documents aforesaid.

I suggest that you return the deed marked "Exhibit A" to the Commissioners, as they will probably wish to have same executed by R. F. Collins and wife.

Yours very truly,

RIVERS BUFORD,

Attorney General.

TAXATION—ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS.

Tallahassee, Fla., October 8, 1921.

*Hon. Ernest Amos,
State Comptroller,
Tallahassee, Fla.*

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 6th instant, with the letter of Hon. Frank A. Walpole attached.

After the assessment of a county has been reviewed and equalized by the County Commissioners, the amount to be raised for county purposes determined, and the rate to be levied for each fund fixed and reported to the County Tax Assessor, they are without power or authority to make any change in the assessment.