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# The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, By the act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, entitled "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the 'Swamp Lands' within their limits," it is provided that all the "Swamp and Overflowed Lands," made unfit thereby for cultivation, within the State of Florida, which remained unsold at the passage of said act, shall be granted to said State:

And whereas, In pursuance of instructions from the General Land Office of the United States, the several tracts or parcels of land hereinafter described have been selected as "Swamp and Overflowed Lands," inuring to the said State under the act aforesaid, situate in the District of Lands subject to sale at Gainesville, Florida, to wit:

The Everglades, being the swamp and overflowed lands within the following metes and bounds; commencing at the south-west corner of T. 60 S., R. 37 E., where the west line of said township touches the water, then run north along said west line of said T. 60 S., R. 37 E., to the north-west corner of said township to the south-west corner of T. 59 S., R. 38 E., thence north along the west line of Tps. 59, 58 and 57 S., R. 38 E., to the north-west corner of T. 57 S., R. 38 E., thence east along the north line of said T. 57 to the north-east corner of Sec. 6, T. 57 S., R. 38 E., thence north along the west line of Secs. 32, 29, 20, 17, 8 and 5 of T. 56 S., R. 38 E., to the north-west corner of Sec. 5, thence east along the north line of T. 56 S., R. 38 E., to the south-west corner of T. 55 R. 39, thence north along the west line of said T. 55, to the north-west corner of said township, thence east along the north line of T. 55 Rgs. 39 and 40, to the north-west corner of Sec. 3, of said T. 55 R. 40, thence north along the west line of Secs. 34 and 27 T. 54 S., R. 40 E., to the north-west corner of Sec. 27, thence east along the north line of Sec. 27, to the north-east corner of said section, thence north along the west line of Secs. 23, 14, 11 and 2 of T. 54 R. 40, to the north-west corner of Sec. 2, thence east along the north line of Secs. 2 and 1, of said T. 54 to the north-east corner of Sec. 1, thence north along the west line of Tps. 53 and 52 S., R. 41 E., to the north-west corner of T. 52, thence east along the north line of T. 52 R. 41, to the north-east corner of said township, thence north along the west line of Tps. 51, 50, 49, 48 and 47 R. 42, to the north-east corner of said T. 47, thence west along the north line of T. 47 to the north

west corner of Sec. 2 T. 47, thence north along the west line of Secs. 35, 26, 23, 14 and 11 of T. 46 R. 41, to the north-west corner of Sec. 11, thence east along the north line of Sec. 11 T. 46 to the middle of said section, thence north along the middle line of Sec. 2 T. 46 R. 41 and Sec. 35 T. 45 R. 41 to the middle of the south line of Sec. 26 in T. 45 R. 41, thence west along the south line of Sec. 26, to the south-west corner of said section, thence north along the west line of Secs. 26, 23, 14, 11 and 2 of T. 45 R. 41 to the north-west corner of Sec. 2, thence west along the south line of T. 44 R. 41, to the south-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of said T. 44 to the north-west corner of said township, thence west along the south line of T. 43 R. 40, to the south-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of said T. 43 to the north-west corner of said township, thence west along the north line of T. 43 R. 39 to the north-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of T. 42 R. 39 to the north-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of T. 41 R. 39 to the south-west corner of Sec. 19 T. 41 R. 39, thence west along the south line of Sec. 24 T. 41 R. 38, to the south-west corner of said Sec. 24, thence north along the west line of said section 24 to the north-west corner thereof, thence west along the south line of Sec. 14 said T. 41 R. 38, to the south-west corner thereof, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 14, to the north-west corner thereof, thence west along the south line of Sec. 10, same T. and R. to the south-west corner of said section, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 10, to the north-west corner of said section, thence west along the south line of Sec. 4, same township to the south-west corner of said section, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 4, to the north-west corner thereof, thence west along the north line of T. 41 Rgs. 38 and 37 to the waters of Lake Okeechobee, thence southerly and westerly around the shores of Lake Okeechobee and northerly along said lake to a point in T. 41 S., R. 32 E., where the north line of said township strikes the lake, thence west on the north township line of T. 41 R. 32, to the north-east corner of lot 1 of Sec. 5, in said T. 41 R. 32, thence along the meander line in a southerly direction of Secs. 5, 8, 17, 16, 21, 28, 32 and 31, in T. 41 R. 32, thence southerly along the meander line of Sec. 6, T. 42 R. 32, thence along the meander line south-westerly of Secs. 1, 11, 14, 22, 21, 28, 29 and 30 of T. 42 R. 31, thence south along the west line of said T. 42 R. 31, to the south-west corner

thereof, thence east along the north line of T. 43 R. 31 E., to the north-east corner of fractional Sec. 4, thence south along the east lines of fractional section 4 and of Sec. 9, to the south-east corner of said Sec. 9, thence east along the north line of Sec. 15, to the north-east corner of the W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 15, thence south along the east line of the W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$  and W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 15, and the east line of the W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 22, to the south-east corner of the W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 22, same township, thence east along the middle line of Sec. 22, to the north-east corner of the SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 22, thence south to the center of Sec. 34, in the same township, thence east along the middle line of Secs. 34, 35 and 36, to the east township line, thence from the north-east corner of the SE. $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 36, to the south-east corner of said section, thence east along the north line of T. 44 S., R. 32 E., to the north-east corner of said T. 44 S., R. 32 E., thence south along the east line of said township 44 to the south-east corner thereof, thence east along the north line of T. 45 R. 33 to the north-east corner of said T. 45, thence south along the east line of Lots. 45 and 46 R. 33, to the south-east corner of T. 46, thence east along the north line of T. 47 R. 34, to the north-east corner of lot 1 Sec. 5, T. 47 S., R. 34 E., thence south to the center of Sec. 5, thence east to the north-east corner of the SE. $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 5, thence south along the east line of Secs. 5, 8, 17 and 20, to the north-east corner of the SE. $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 20, thence east to the center of Sec. 21, thence south along the middle line of Secs. 21 and 28, to the south-east corner of the SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 28, thence east along the south line of Sec. 28, to the north-east corner of Sec. 33, thence south along the east line of Sec. 33 of said T. 47 R. 34, to the south-east corner of said Sec. 33, thence east along the north line of T. 48 R. 34 to the north-east corner of said township, thence south along the east line of Lots. 48 and 49 to the south-east corner of T. 49 R. 34, thence west along the south line of said T. 49 to the south-west corner of said T. 49 S., R. 34 E., thence south along the east line of T. 50 R. 33, to the south-east corner thereof, thence east along the south line of T. 50 R. 34 to the south-east corner thereof, thence south along the west line of Lots. 51 and 52 to the south-east corner of T. 52 R. 34, thence west along the north line of T. 53 to the north-west corner of T. 53 R. 33, thence south along the west line of T. 53 R. 33, to the south-west corner thereof, thence west along the north line of Lots. 32, 31, 30 and 29 to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, then following the main land in a southerly direction to the point

of beginning in T. 60 S., R. 37 E.; there are eliminated and excepted from the above all islands in the Gulf of Mexico adjacent to the main land; all of what would be the school sections if the lands were surveyed; and the following descriptions; viz: the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23, and the NW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE. $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 25 T. 50 S., R. 40 E., the NE. $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20 T. 50 S., R. 41 E.; the W. $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ , E. $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW. $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE. $\frac{1}{4}$  and N. $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 1, and the E. $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 2 T. 51 S., R. 41 E., as surveyed by Special Agent J. V. Fries in 1898, and as designated on a special plat approved November 16, 1899, accepted April 25, 1900, containing in the aggregate an estimated area of two million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand two hundred and eighty (2,862,280.00) acres; and for which the Governor of the said State of Florida, did on the sixth day of April nineteen hundred and three, request a patent to be issued to the said State as required in the aforesaid act.

Now, therefore, know ye, that the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the act of Congress aforesaid, have given and granted, and by these presents do give, and grant, unto the said State of Florida, in fee simple, subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof, the tracts of land above described. To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said State of Florida, in fee simple and to its assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the  
Twenty ninth day of April in the year of Our  
Lord nineteen hundred and three and  
of the Independence of the United States  
the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

By the President: T. Roosevelt

By F. M. Mc Kean, Secretary

B. W. Bush, Register of the General Land Office.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30, 1904.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Commissioner of Agriculture,  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of Dec. 16, 1904, there is sent you, herewith, a tracing from a diagram prepared in this office showing the exterior boundaries of The Everglades. The diagram was constructed from the record of swamp land patent No. 137, and was intended to show, at a glance, the area embraced in the patent, and is supposed to be correct.

There is no charge for the tracing, as it is taken from a mere memorandum. The correctness of the diagram may be tested by the original patent on file in your office.

Very respectfully,

*J. W. Triplett*  
Acting Commissioner.

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