

Acc 156,309 To accompany: 380,668

COPY OF LETTER FROM ANTHONY BREATH TO HIS BROTHER JIM

Apalachicola, Florida, Oct. 29, 49

Dear Jim:

I put in this place this morning in a Norther, being on my way to New Orleans — to copper my steamer. In my last I wrote you from Tampa. I left there three days sinc. — you will see by the papers that we have had another talk with the Indian chiefs on the 18th. I was at Charlotte harbour with Genl. Twigg, when Billy Bowleggs and all the other chiefs of the Seminole and Mickasukie were on board and we had a grand council. They delivered up three Indians, those that had committed the murder -- they brot the hand of one that had been killed in capturing him, the fith one escaped — Sam Jones also came in for the first time in his life, he being old could not come on board but remained on shore. Billy Bowleggs and myself are quite intimate, he presented me with a fine belt and shot bag worked by one of the Mrs. Bowleggs. He also gave me his white flag of truce made of white feathers, but I am fearful we will have trouble with them yet when it comes to their removal. I was present at the grand council and could inform you of many things but cannot at present make them publick by order of Genl. Twigg. He, the Genl., left for Pilatke the day before I left. He

will be back in about four weeks, the same time I will. He and myself are most of the time together. He says my service in the present case will be needed for a year or two to come. So far so good. Give my best love to our dear Mother, Sister D. I heard about 2 weeks since from my family, all well, and enclosed was a letter from Sister Adeline to ----- . Do you write me on next of this to New Orleans, and I will get it before leaving, if you are prompt. I will see my wife and little one, I hope in three days - God bless you all and believe me,

Your Affectionate

Brother

Tony

Comdg. U. S. Steamer
Col. Clay

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PURCHASE

WOOD, Mr. John W.,
81 St. Clair St., Geneva, N.Y.

KEY TO COLLECTION

Thru Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood,
Secretary & Treas.,
Navy Relief Society,
Room 1047, New Navy Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Beaded belt of red strouding and pouch of similar material originally presented by the Seminole, Billy Bowlegs, to Anthony Breath in 1849.
RECEIVED May 13, 1940

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CARD CATALOGUE MADE May 31, 1940

BY H. W. Krieger

INSTALLED IN

ON EXHIBIT: HALL 9, CASE 75

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Cat. No.	Name	Beaded belt and pouch
380,668	People	Seminole
	Locality	Florida
Acc. No.	Collector	Mr. John W. Wood, through Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood.
156,309	Acquired	Purchase
	Dates	May 13, 1940
	Placed	Pouch - 8" L. x 8" W.
Orig. No.	Remarks	Beaded belt of red strouding attached to pouch of similar material, both decorated with overlay beadwork in the form of a repeated conventionalized life form pattern having volutes at either end. Belt fringed at both ends.
Marks		
36724-A		Fringes and edges of belt margined with double rows of white glass beads. Pouch is rectangular and has triangular flap. Inside the pouch was a letter dated Apalachicola, Florida, October 29, 1849, referring to the gift of the

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pouch and belt by Billy Bowlegs to the writer of the letter. This original is now in an envelope in the pamphlet file under Seminole.

Orig. No. 36724-A

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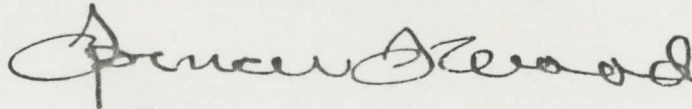
April 30, 1940.

My dear Mr Dorsey:

On thinking ^{over} the matter of the price for the belt and shot puch I do feel that it is worth to the Smithsonian at least \$35. and am therefore submitting a bill for this amount.

As you say it is probably worth much more as there can be no question about its authenticity but I would prefer to have it in the Museum where more people can see it than in a private collection where it would be lost to the public.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken for me, believe me, most sincerely



Spencer S. Wood.

Bill enclosed for \$35.

*Mr Bryant
These specimens
are in Mr. Higgins
office in Mr. Dorsey*

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Department of ANTHROPOLOGY Division of ETHNOLOGY

May 6, 1940, 193

Please enter as an accession from Mr. John W. Wood,

(Address) 81 St. Clair Street,

Geneva, New York.

Through Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Navy Relief Society,

Room 1047, New Navy Bldg., Washington, D.C.

the following object (collected with/without the aid of a Museum outfit):

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Breath in 1849.

Papers appended All.

(The Assistant Secretary directs that ALL letters in the possession of the Curator or his assistants, which relate to this accession, be attached to this memorandum and forwarded with it to the Division of Correspondence.)

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H. C. Krieger Curator.

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81 ST CLAIR STREET
GENEVA, N.Y.
April 30, 1940.

*sent to
W.W.W.*

he Treasurer,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

To John W. Wood, Dr.

To one Seminole, embroidered with beads, belt and shot pouch, with authentic, original letter from Anthony Breath, describing belt & pouch \$35.

Received payment.