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EDITORIAL ON JOHN F. BROWN

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The official opinion of Attorney General Bonaparte on the constitutionality of the McCumber act of April 26, 1906, which was given to the secretary of the interior in answer to certain doubts cast upon parts of the act by Chief J. F. Brown of the Seminole nation has been received by Acting Commissioner Pollock.

The attorney general decides that the act is constitutional and that congress acted within its powers when it changed the provisions in the agreement of 1898.

The question raised by Chief Brown were of the constitutionality of the act so far as it modified or changed the agreement of '98 in regard to allotment, distribution and administration of property and funds of the Seminole nation. The six chief objections which Chief Brown made are these:

First -- Whether congress has the power of