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EDITORIAL ON J. F. BROWN

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The president has been asked not to sign the bill for settlement of the affairs of the five civilized tribes, which recently passed the house and senate, until an investigation can be made into the expenditure of \$186,000 belonging to the "loyal Seminoles" by J. F. Brown the administrator of the fund, and into the manner of his appointment

Senators Spooner, Allison, Bailey and Tillman are believed to be behind the movement to have the president send the bill back to congress. The offensive clause in the bill is the one which approves the settlement made by Brown, and which dismisses the affair from further discussion. It was offered as an amendment in the senate by Senator Teller, and was vigorously opposed by Senator Tillman, but finally