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EDITORIAL ON J. F. BROWN

The Seminole land office, which was opened last Monday, has been closed through the request of Governor Brown of the Seminoles. Governor Brown says his people are not willing to have the land in the Seminole nation allotted to Indian children according to the usual custom of allowing the allottees to select their own land and file upon it. He claims that there are only a half dozen good pieces of land in the tracts still unallotted, and if the plan usually employed by the Dawes commission is followed there will be a scramble for the best land, and the others will go away dissatisfied and refuse to file at all.

W. O. Beal, acting commissioner, said yesterday that the land office may remain closed and that the commissioner may allot the land arbitrarily. There are only 100,000 acres of land to allot, and by making the allotment in the commissioner's office