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EDITORIAL ON DEFEAT OF J. F. BROWN

The defeat of Governor Brown for the chieftaincy was a misfortune to the Seminoles. He served them well for years, and has guided them clear of entanglements and trouble with themselves and with the United States. The trouble with the Seminoles is their system, rather than the man. By their law, which is an old Indian custom not shaken off by the Seminoles, their government is paternal, and the important functions of government are centered in the chief. A man of less honesty and ability would probably have squandered the properties of the people and so entangled their affairs as to require years of litigation to undo. Governor Brown deserves great credit for what he has not done, as well as for what he has done. To fill the place so long, clothed with such power and surrounded by such temptations, and at last come out with the cleanest reputation for efficiency and integrity of any of the