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EDITORIAL ON A LETTER OF ALEX POSEY

In a letter to Alex Posey, member of the Independent statehood executive committee from the Creek Nation, W. A. Ansley of the Choctaw nation, chairman of committee, says that the Choctaw council has addressed a strong memorial to President Roosevelt asking him to aid the Indians of the five civilized tribes in securing independent statehood. The Creek council at its session just closed, took the same action, and it is considered certain that the Cherokee council at Tahlequah will pass a similar memorial. The sentiment among the Indians of the five civilized tribes seems to be almost unanimous in favor of an independent or separate state of Indian Territory.

They believe that union with Oklahoma would destroy the last vestige of their power as a separate people, and would bar them from enjoying political preferment, which they hope to secure if Indian

Territory is admitted as a separate state. -- Arrow.