



THE UNITED STATES' BRANCH BANK AT NEW YORK.

This elegant edifice was commenced in the spring of 1822; but owing to the epidemic with which the city was visited, the progress of the building was so much delayed, that it was not completed till the spring of 1824. It was first opened for the transaction of business in April of that year. It is composed of white marble from the quarries of Westchester. It fronts sixty feet on Wall street, and is about seventy feet

deep, occupying a lot that cost almost as much as the building itself, \$40,000. It is formed in the most substantial manner, and is altogether fire proof. The banking room is thirty feet in height, and surrounded by a gallery. Besides this room, there are other apartments for the accommodation of directors, stockholders, with those occupied as a loan office, and for the payment of United States' pensioners, &c. The beauty of the structure is greatly enhanced by the gallery, vestibule and portico.