

The public ear is filled with reports in relation to the U. S. Bank and the N. Y. Courier and Enquirer. It is rumored that the investigations of the Bank committee disclose the fact that persons connected with that journal are indebted to the Bank in the large sum of \$50,000 and upwards. We do not vouch for the fact. We do not pretend to know any thing of the matter. Profligate, politically, as we think the editors of that print to be, and of as easy virtue as the Bank is conceded to be, we can scarcely believe that the latter has thus *purchased* an abrupt, entire and most extraordinary change in the language and course of a public journal, from a violent and unqualified opposition, to zealous and even abusive friendship—abusive we mean of those who could not consent to the degradation of the same self-contradiction and to the same abandonment of avowed and material principles.

But if these reports shall prove to be true, in whole or in part, what must be the inevitable conclusion? Who then will doubt the disposition and the ability of the bank to “buy men and votes like cattle in the market,” or its power—its tremendous power—to “wither, by a subtle poison, the liberty of the press”? Who will then believe that such an engine ought to be perpetuated? If these reports shall be confirmed, we venture to predict, that neither the Bank, nor the press which has thus, by direct appliances, become subservient to it, can withstand the force of the popular sentiment and the public condemnation.