

THE BANK INVESTIGATION.

[From the N. Y. Evening Post.]

The editor of the National Gazette has quite lost his temper, because the "Evening Post and some other New-York papers" express doubts and apprehensions that undue means have been made use of by the United States Bank to silence the opposition of certain presses adverse to the renewal of its charter, and to stimulate the activity of others that were previously in favor of that institution. For our own part, we have made no criminations in relation to any editor; and should we find that the rumours which we have repeated, and which there is but too much ground to believe not unfounded, have done injustice to the character of any individual named in them, we shall be happy to publish his exculpation. The editor of the National Gazette, in the very paragraph in which he deprecates the expression of doubts and inuendoes in relation to those who are known to have received large sums of money from the Bank of the United States, takes the liberty of implying a doubt of the integrity of other journalists, against whom it at least cannot be alleged that their notions on the subject of renewing the Bank charter having been assisted by loans. The inuendo of the Gazette is not conveyed in the editor's own words, but is wrapped up in two extracts from the common place book of quotations, which we presume he keeps always on his table, and to which he finds it convenient to have very frequent recourse.

“Conde, [says the National Gazette] speaking to Cardinal de Retz of the stories and interpretations of the annalists of his time, observed—Ces coquins nous font perler et agir, comme ils auroient fait eux memes a notre place.—“Those rogues make us talk and act as they would have done themselves if they had been in our place.” Mr. Canning held the following language in one of his speeches:—“It is the practice of some persons to impute to persons in office all sorts of corruption, From whatever quarter such sentiments proceed, I hear them with scorn. They disgrace only those who utter them; and show only what it is that they who are capable of imputing base motives to others would themselves be, if they were in official stations.”

Unfortunately for the point of this good joke, as the National Gazette no doubt thought it, it so happened that the *individual now commonly believed to have been the special and duly authorized agent of the United States Bank in making enormous loans to certain newspaper editors, did visit the office of the Evening Post, did offer certain pecuniary advantages for certain services to be rendered to the United States Bank, and did receive an answer rejecting the proposition, and expressed in such terms that he never ventured to renew it.*