

It is as we expected. The explanation of the editor of the Richmond Enquirer, of the connection of his name with the affairs of the U. S. Bank, is prompt, explicit and satisfactory. How striking the contrast between the position occupied by this steady, able and consistent opponent of the Bank, and that of the *purchased* Courier and Enquirer and the *pensioned* National Intelligencer!

To the Editor of the Phil. American Sentinel.

Richmond, (Va.) April 21st.

Sir—I find in the “Sentinel,” which reached me this morning, the following statement:

“Such an inquisition as that lately prosecuted in this city into the affairs of the Bank of the U. S., however private in theory, cannot be kept secret in fact. Too many persons are interested, and most of them, as they conceive, injured or insulted by improper violation of their confidential concerns.—Accordingly, it is currently reported and believed, that the following are among the “Printers’ Discounts,” (as they are called) which were most earnestly investigated, viz:

Gales & Seaton,	notes discounted for	\$21,000
Duff Green,	do do	10,000
Thomas Ritchie,	do do	10,900
J. W. Webb,	do do	18,000
Robert Walsh,	do do	6,000

These loans were all negotiated in the ordinary course of banking business, on satisfactory security, and the usual terms, &c. &c.”

Will you do me the favor to correct this statement, as relates to myself? The mistake has been committed by blending together a note for \$2900, which I owe, endorsed by an intimate friend, and a note for \$8,000 endorsed by myself for his use. The first is MINE, the last is HIS. He is worth more than \$100,000, and he would not consent to take my endorsement until he had amply secured HIS NOTE, originally for \$10,000, by a deed of trust. Those around me are best able to judge of my own responsibility. No one will deny that it is most ample.— It is by confounding together these two notes, as comprehended in the quarterly returns from the bank at Richmond, that I came to be charged with the above specified sum of \$10,900. Whatever other transactions I may have had with the bank have certainly neither soured my temper nor conciliated my support. I have never asked any thing of it which it has not granted. It could never have expected any thing of me which was unworthy of a man of honor. It has known my hostility to the renewal of its charter—and it well knows that it remains to this moment.

I will not trouble you with another word, except to add, that I am respectfully yours,

THOMAS RITCHIE.