

Nothing can save the Bank of the U. States but the resignation of Mr. Biddle and the Directors of the mother bank, or the *prompt* curtailment of their power. The power of Mr. Biddle must be taken away—he holds the Union at the point of his pen, and unless he either resigns or acts in all things by and with the advice of a *full board*, there is no prediction that is too fearful as to the future state of the country. The Committee of investigation should sit in the recess of Congress, and ascertain whether Mr. Biddle has usurped power, or whether the board has consented to or connived at his acts. Let us know whether there are lawyers under enormous salaries instead of receiving fees when the bank wants their aid; if there be, their *pensions* must be stopped. Let us know how the discounts are to be curtailed so as to prevent the commercial convulsion apprehended by Mr. Biddle. The charter of the bank has yet nearly four years to run, and by charter four years are allowed for winding it up. Let the stockholders apply for four years more time, and then call in their loans at the rate of *ten per cent. per annum*. At any rate let the improvident loans, to men other than merchants—all loans not made on strictly banking principles, be called in as fast as possible, and let the merchants be favored as Mr. Biddle professes to desire. The concerns of the bank can be wound up without a commercial convulsion—let them be wound up. Let the bank cease to think of a renewal of the charter until its affairs are all straight—let it prepare for the three per cents in October. But we repeat Mr. Biddle must resign—he has said that the Bank has the power to crush the local banks. He is not to be trusted with that power.