

*United States Bank, John Q. Adams, &c.*—By reference to our Congressional proceedings of this week, it will be observed, that Judge Clayton's resolutions for appointing a committee to enquire into the affairs of the U. S. Bank, has, with slight modifications, ultimately prevailed; and that a committee has been appointed for that purpose, to visit the mother Bank at Philadelphia. This movement was not anticipated by the friends of the Bank, and threw them into great confusion. To oppose the resolutions might have been considered as virtually acknowledging the truth of the charges preferred against the Bank; and to vote for an enquiry into the transactions of an institution, which many of them were sensible had violated its charter, was very disagreeable: however, the dose was offered, and they had no alternative but to swallow it.

We are happy to see on the committee of investigation with Judge Clayton, Mr. Cambreleng of New York. Mr. C. is a practical man, a merchant, and a financier of the first respectability, well versed in all the minutia of the Banking system, and not only able, but willing, to bring to light all the unwarranted and high handed transactions of this great beast of federal abominations. Mr. Adams, on being appointed on the Bank Committee, begged leave to be discharged from further duties as Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures. This motion seems to have given rise to considerable excitement in the House of Representatives; and from the warm and almost united opposition to it by the Southern delegation, there is but little doubt of the truth of the report some time since in circulation, that he is favorable to a liberal modification of the Tariff; and seems likewise to establish the fact, that great anxiety is entertained at Washington, with regard to the consequences to the country, if such a modification is not adopted at this session of Congress.

Mr. Adams certainly has evinced a disposition to throw himself into the breach, and should he have moral courage sufficient to sustain his position there, he will have incurred the lasting gratitude of this republic. It is not every day that an opportunity like the present occurs for the true patriot to test his devotion to his country; and now that restless and ambitious aspirants seem to be willing and resolved to ride into power over the wreck of their country's happiness and prosperity, it is consoling, it is inspiring, to think, that there is one still left, who is willing and able to stay their rude tread, and to say unto them, "thus far and no farther shalt thou go."