

## THE BANK REPORT.

We give, on our second page, to the exclusion of almost every thing else, the able report made by the minority of the committee, appointed by Congress to investigate the business of the United States Bank. We presume it will be regarded as a document of great importance, and as such be attentively perused by all our readers.



The separate and distinct views of Mr. Adams upon this important subject, were presented to the House on Monday. They occupy in the National Intelligencer, about seventeen broad columns, and of course, are too extended to be given by us this week. The document is written in the usual forcible and correct style of the talented and patriotic author, and presents, to our mind, a fair and correct exposition of the legitimate business of the committee, and of the valuable institution the business of which has just been investigated. The conclusions of Mr. Adams will be found in the following paragraphs:—



The management of the affairs of the corporation during the administration of the present President, not exempt from human error and infirmity, has yet appeared to him marked with all the characters of sound judgment, of liberal spirit, of benevolent feeling, and of irreproachable integrity. A large proportion of its officers in subordinate trust are of the Society of Friends; a class of citizens peculiarly qualified for the performance of duties, and the exercise of qualities appropriate to the successful management of monied establishments—industry, punctuality, temperance, and a conscientious discharge of all moral obligations.

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In considering the expediency of renewing the charter, the subscriber discards all considerations of the interests or wishes—not only of the President and Directors of the Bank, but of all the individual stockholders of the corporation. In the question between chartering a new corporation, and re-chartering the old one, if the interests of the individual stockholders are all alike op-



tion, and re-chartering the old one, if the interests of the individual adventurers are to be considered at all, like opposite quantities in algebra, they annul each other. It is the public interest alone that can determine the question, and in that view alone, the subscriber would prefer the renewal of this institution to the establishment of another. The present establishment has the advantage of long experience, and of a system matured by the acquired knowledge of many years, and by the correction of its own errors.— That knowledge has been purchased at no inconsiderable cost, and a set of new undertakers would most probably have to pass through a similar noviciate. The result of



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his examination has been an entire conviction, that, with a  
view to the public interest alone, the charter of the Bank  
of the United States ought forthwith to be renewed.

Being desirous of laying before our readers the whole of  
this valuable state paper, without diminishing our usual  
quantity of miscellany, we shall next week furnish it at  
considerable expense and trouble to ourselves, in the form  
of a supplement. We believe we can do nothing that will  
produce more gratification to our readers. Every intelli-  
gent citizen will peruse with avidity the sensible and con-  
clusive opinions of this great statesman and eminent patriot.

There is perhaps no individual in the nation whose opin-  
ions are entitled to more respect than those of Mr. Adams.



Having by a long and illustrious course ascended to the highest honours of the government, having exhausted the full cup of honor, and enjoyed all that ambition could desire, he now comes from his honourable retirement as one of the people, with no wish but for his country, and his country's prosperity. Possessing a mind stored with all the treasures of erudition, and all the advantages of long experience, he brings to the subjects which he handles, abilities which cannot be doubted, and a judgment from which there can be no appeal. His examination of the Bank is candid and correct, shows an intimate acquaintance with the details of business, and an impartiality which stands in honourable juxta-position with the narrow and prejudiced views of Judge Clayton. The style of the report is as might be expected, chaste, forcible and eloquent, and presents many passages of surpassing power and beauty. Mr. Adams has, in this transaction, not only served his country, but added a new leaf to the laurel with which his brow is already wreathed.