

MR. ADAMS' REPORT.

The honorable John Quincy Adams, Ex-President of the United States, has made a *long and loud* Report, in opposition to the Report of the majority of the Committee appointed to examine the transactions of the United States Bank. Mr. Adams confined his remarks principally, to the report of the majority, whose positions he attempts to invalidate without a single exception, by a species of logic and criticism peculiar to himself. He is quite learned, obscure and metaphysical; and spins out his argument into perfect intangibility. He is nevertheless ingenious and should be read. The critical readers will be pleased with his adroitness, and must admire the uncommon candor of his sophistry, and the common reader will find John quite too sublime for vulgar comprehension.

We were surprised to witness the hauteur and unkindness of Mr. Adams' deportment towards the members of the Committee whose opinions differed from his own; particularly towards Mr. Clayton, (the Chairman of the Committee,) on whose conduct and motives he lavishes the most severe and caustic censure. And concludes by assuring him that he believes him to be quite a fine clever fellow, and pats him on the cheek, with a sarcastic smile.

We learn from the Washington papers, that Mr. Clayton understands the matter perfectly; and has made up his mind to come forth and grapple with this *literary Giant!* Of this intention, he has already apprized the public, who feel a deep interest in the issue of the combat. The friends of the Bank appear delighted with the proposal, and anticipate a glorious triumph, in the success of their Champion. With the augmentative powers of Mr. Clayton, we are not acquainted, but from the chivalry of his spirit, and the goodness of his cause, we have every thing to hope. Like Captain Jack Lawton, in the *Spy*, he may not 'cut scientifically;' but like that invincible hero, we doubt not his power to kill. We do hope that these gentlemen will confine themselves to the main question, to-wit—*The constitutionality, expediency, and tendency of the Bank.* Nothing could please us more, than to see these points discussed by Mr. Adams; whose friends compare him to a 'Lobster,' 'Leviathan,' a 'Torpedo,' and last, though not least, he is called a 'Bea constrictor,' in the line of augmentation. What a formidable antagonist? But Mr. Clayton is not to be intimidated.

Mr. Adams' *construction* of the powers vested in the Committee by Congress, is not the least remarkable item in his Report. By his construction of their powers, it would appear that the Committee were permitted to visit the Bank at Philadelphia merely! According to Mr. Adams, they had no power to act; no power to ask for more information than might have been obtained from the Treasury Department, at Washington city. The Committee went to Philadelphia, and there Mr. A. sat as a spy on their actions, disputing the question of power at every step!