

As my former communication told you, Mr. McDuffie, having seen some prospect of the termination of the Houston affair, presented on Friday the Counter Report of the minority. The remarks that occurred on the presentation, illustrate very forcibly, that every art is to be now practised to delay the action of the House for the object already mentioned by me. The National Intelligencer will give you at full length the remarks of Mr. Cambreleng, who, poor man, begins to feel that the *éclat* of his famed report may not be long lived. I have often heard and seen quoted, "by what spell have you acquired such influence?" and the answer thereto, by the simple spell "that great minds exercise over lesser ones;" but I never saw it so much, and so plainly in any debate, as in that little *brush*, which you have no doubt perused. It was in one word the opening of the campaign—and it was not alone a word, but with it there was a blow—which told well. I have since the presentation read the report, and can fully accede to the opinion generally expressed on it, that it will blow into thin air the speciously devised plots, plans, and misrepresentations with which the report from the pen of Mr. Cambreleng abounds, and it will make manifest, to your mercantile men, that the Bank and Finance cap assumed by him is to be stripped of its plumes; but in all probability you will have the report itself ere this, and I will not weaken it by my commendation.

Mr. Adams' separate Report will be presented on Monday (this day); and, from his enlarged mind, I may venture to assert a production will emanate worthy of his pen—that he will give to the subject new lights as to its political bearing: that being a field which no man else would here attempt, that will help to remove, if anything can, the film that remains on the vision of Andrew Jackson, and, through him, the whole genus of embryo statesmen.

The Houston case, as far as the verdict of guilty and awarding the sentence, is, *Laus Deo*, closed. The end of a legal operation is, however, an execution executed. The very strange course pursued; the dark hints poured out; the more than, beyond doubt, strong feeling expressed by the President hostile to the Legislature, and which goes to countenance Houston; may, however, blast the expectation of the country, that this affair will have its termination on Monday. Look to the debate on the resolution of Mr. Huntington, and then say whether I am justified in expressing an apprehension that it will not terminate. I may as well apprise you that rumors, both "loud and deep," announce, in addition to what you may gather from the debate, that it is advised from high quarters that Houston shall not submit to the reprimand! that he will unequivocally add to his offence when brought up, commit another breach of privilege, and force the House to immediate committal to prison. That debate was piquant: every stage of it was marked with novelty; and what think you must be the feeling created in the House, when, after the explosion—I can give it no other designation—of Cambreleng, his co-laborer in Bank matters, Clayton, got up to calm the troubled waters? And is it come to this already? Poor C. C. C. has your anticipated Bank failure already produced even upon *him* the feeling, That you have, like little wanton boys that swim on bladders, Ventured upon a sea of glory far beyond your depth!

that he must interpose, he rebuke your intemperance? Verily, I thought thy fall was certain, but not quite so soon, nor to be made so visible by such a hand! The interference was, however, well timed, and creditable to the honorable feeling of the worthy Georgian; so much so as to extract from me—albeit unused—the meed of my praise; and to induce me in saying, that,—although the scene itself fully and forcibly exemplified the lines taken from the old fathers, "Satan rebuking Sin,"—yet I make the application purposely disclaiming that it is made, in any sense, of intentional disrespect.

There are squally rumors as to Naples. Instead of a treaty being completed for settlement of claims, the country will have cause to rejoice, if they are not forthwith plunged into a mess of European politics, that it will not be pleasant to digest! I do not wish to create needless alarm, but I must, in duty bound, give you notice, there is mischief brewing.