

**THE BANK CONTROVERSY.**—Perhaps—although the time has so long passed by that the fact may be generally forgotten—perhaps, however, it may yet be in the recollection of some people of long memories, that after the celebrated Bank Investigation last spring, Mr. Adams addressed a long and rather pungent letter to Mr. A. S. Clayton, of Georgia, who was the chairman of the investigating committee. In that letter, Mr. Adams convicted the majority of the committee, of gross unfairness, and suppressions of fact equivalent to falsehood. Mr. Clayton immediately announced by a card, that he should reply. But month after month has been suffered to come and depart, and yet no reply was forthcoming from Mr. Clayton. But the mountain has at length brought forth.

The Milledgeville Journal of the 15th inst. contains a letter addressed by Mr. Clayton, to Mr. Adams, on the subject of the United States Bank. It occupies nearly nine closely printed columns of that large sheet, and is as indecently personal, as ferociously abusive, and as tediously stupid, as could be expected even from such a man. The following is the introductory paragraph :—

“ From a declaration, thrice repeated, in your attack upon the Majority of the Bank Committee, that you imputed ‘no injustice of intention’ to their course, you might readily imagine I had no just grounds of replication to your labored defence of the Bank. But you may not perhaps reflect that your political relation to the public, and the past treacheries of your life, entitle your reasoning powers to much more faith than your word ; the first may deceive, the latter cannot ; and where you might utterly fail in obtaining belief for your declaration, you might receive wonderful applause for your ingenuity. Having exerted all your powers to convict yourself of inconsistency, and to destroy your own testimony by the force of argument, it is not at all unreasonable, and of which you cannot complain, if I should seize the opportunity to make you choose between the sophister and the hypocrite.”

And the conclusion of the whole matter, is as follows :

At the next Presidential polls,

When the base coalition tools,

As black as *Ebony* their souls

And noxious as the Upas,

Shall sink to infamy at last

With nothing left but their disgrace

Then truth will shine, in native grace,

Resplendent as the '*Topaz*.'

A. S. CLAYTON.