

MEMORIAL

OF

SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,

*Opposed to the measures of the Executive against the Bank of the
United States.*

JUNE 27, 1834.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States in Congress assembled:*

The memorial of the undersigned citizens of the county of York, in the
State of Pennsylvania,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That the undersigned have heretofore been busily and actively engaged in their respective avocations, chiefly of the agricultural class, and have with pleasure remarked that, for several years past, these pursuits have been steadily profitable. The grain which they raised, and the liquor they distilled, have for a long time past found a steady and improving market, whilst every thing, both in town and country, indicated an unexampled degree of prosperity. But they have been suddenly roused from this state of supposed security, and find the markets broken up, the currency deranged, and the prices of grain and distilled liquor continually falling. Farmers who have leased land at money rents, and children who have taken lands decreed to them at a valuation by the Orphans' Courts, as well as those who are in debt for purchases already made, or young beginners who trusted to the general prosperity for a commencement in business, now find ruin staring them in the face; and your memorialists are compelled to consider as the cause of all this evil the conflict which is waged by the Executive with the United States' Bank, and the consequent utter destruction of all confidence between man and man, and bank and bank, which has followed upon the heels of the late unnecessary removal of the public deposits from the United States' Bank. These measures, your memorialists have strong reasons for believing, are used by some few designing political speculators in a neighboring State, who, forgetting the sacred bonds of amity which ought to bind these United States together as a band of brothers, are animated, as your memorialists believe, by mere personal interest in a design to establish a new bank in

their chief city. Such an intention your memorialists fervently hope may be defeated by the recollection that, but for the timely aid of a distinguished capitalist of this State, the present useful institution never would have gone into operation.

Your memorialists would beg further to remark, that they see with pain and regret that the late electoral vote of this State is given, as proof, that her citizens are decidedly opposed to the United States' Bank. This is a misapprehension that your memorialists would gladly correct. Many of the undersigned gave their votes cheerfully for the re-election of General Jackson, as it was asserted by large public meetings held in this State, that "it would be a slander upon the character of General Jackson to say he was opposed to the United States' Bank;" and your memorialists therefore remark that they never supposed themselves to be giving judgment against the bank when they thus voted.

Your memorialists therefore rely upon the wisdom of Congress to re-invigorate public and private credit by the immediate restoration of the deposits, and the recharter of the bank, with such modifications as may be deemed necessary.