

treated all his measures for the public good with contempt, and absolutely refused to give his administration any sort of countenance or support. How long will he be required to bear such indignities? and how long could he be expected to close his mind against suspicion, when a leader in the conspiracy even avowed the express intention of "heading" him, by forcing the Bank Bill before him with this obnoxious provision? Is this the kind of treatment he had a right to expect from them, not only as citizens and gentlemen, but partisans and prudent tacticians? Surely, if a party were bent on destruction, they could not have resorted to surer means, though, doubtless, they are blinded to that result by the infatuation of their personal idolatry for Mr. Clay.

It was reasonable to have anticipated that, during the recess after the extra session, the Whig members of Congress, having had time for reflection, would have retraced their steps, repaired the errors of the past, and manifested a wiser forecast for the future. An opportunity for reconciliation was offered by the President, with the utmost singleness and sincerity of purpose, in his opening message at the regular session, in his proposition for an Exchequer, and in the general tone and sentiments of that able paper. But how was it treated? Though the Exchequer plan was admitted by all sound business men to be just what the country wanted, it was contumeliously smothered in the