

VII. *¶ After having thus treasonably destroyed the credit of the government, one of their strongest accusations is, that it is bankrupt.**

VIII. With equal justice might a man who ties another neck and heels, and gags him, blow out his brains for not singing Yankee doodle, or dancing a faraband, as those who produce bankruptcy inculcate the bankrupt with his forlorn and desperate circumstances.

IX. There is no other country in the world, where these proceedings would not be punished severely—in many capitally. Their guilt is enormous, clear, and indisputable. They strike at the safety and even the existence of society.

X. By the sedition law† enacted by some of these very men, and their followers, heavy fines and tedious imprisonment were awarded against offences incomparably inferior.

XI. While you support leaders, whose career is so iniquitous, were you in private life as pure as archangels, you partake largely of the guilt of those whom you uphold; whose power of destruction depends on your support; and who would sink into insignificance, but for your countenance.

XII. If the pretext, or even the strong belief, on the part of a minority, that a war, or any other measure is unjust, can warrant such a jacobinical, seditious, and treasonable opposition as the present war has experienced, no government can exist. The minority in all countries, uniformly denounce all the measures they have opposed, as unjust, wicked, unholy or unconstitutional—or all united.

XIII. The most unerring characteristic of a desperate

* It is impossible for language to convey the contempt and abhorrence that are earned by some of the canting, whining speeches delivered in congress on the bankruptcy of the government by men who were deeply guilty of producing it—whose treasonable efforts have been crowned with success—who have largely contributed to blast the most cheering prospects that heaven ever vouchsafed to accord any of the human race. The tears thus shed, are exactly typified by those that so plentifully fall from the voracious crocodile over the prey he is going to devour.

† See page 27.