

Sir As a citizen of the United States, deeply interested of course in its govern-  
ment, I take the liberty, without knowing anything of your wishes or intentions,  
to deprecate the resignation of your office.

If you allow me any further claims, as a Whig, I w<sup>d</sup> say that I cannot  
imagine any reason why the President's refusal to sign a charter should  
injure him with that party — or why your remaining in office should be  
considered inconsistent with your course in the canvass. I am aware  
that a large portion of the Whig party, perhaps more than half of it in  
the cities, was dis in favour of a Corporation: but it was considered  
previous to the Election, as one of the measures upon which there was not a  
party union: and Sir so far as I could see, you were not in favour of a  
Corporation. Being opposed to a charter myself, I could not agree in all  
of doctrine, as proclaimed on the house top. You held that the Regula-  
-tion of the Currency belongs to the Federal Government; and so believed  
the Whig party — but it does not follow that the party was in favour of  
giving up to private individuals, this immense power. — I could not  
have believed, a priori, that any public man of large experience, would  
have been willing to throw away all we have learned on this subject.

The course of the Whig press here, has been in strict conformity to the  
supposed plans of Mr Clay. I have in vain endeavored to get into the papers  
here, or into the Nat. Intelligencer, any argument against Mr Clay's course.  
Altho' in private conversation the Editors w<sup>d</sup> admit doubts, their papers  
allowed no expression of dissent. For one reason, because they are very  
ignorant of the subject but principally because they considered that the  
confidence of the majority of the Whig party in this city, was especially  
given to Mr Clay. To make an appearance of unanimity, they excluded  
the opinions of the minority, (if indeed it be a minority) and do not rep-  
-resent the feelings of the Whigs.

Even if the Whigs were unanimous, it were rashly encountering a  
fearful risk, to place to vast an interest as the Currency on a party  
foundation. One principle of the Whig party was that their President  
sh<sup>d</sup> be in truth the President of the Nation.

If the President will now advocate a substantive plan, which  
shall provide for the permanent settlement of this question,  
he will be impeachable. But if, like Mr Van Buren, he stand



on a negation, he will fall.

If I can spare time, after Washington shall have been a  
little thinned out I will have the pleasure of offering to you,  
in person, the thanks of our citizen, for your adherence to the  
post of duty, & it seems of present danger.

Your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

J. Little.

To the Hon  
Daniel Webster.

The President proposed his  
Exchequer plan - which was ignored

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