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THE  
**DYING GROANS  
OF DEMOCRACY.**

IN proportion as the Democrats  
give their cause to be despe-  
rate their rage and virulence in-  
crease. They scold and upbraid  
each other, accuse their leaders of  
treachery and their people of  
stupidity, while every nerve is  
strained and every will is practis-  
ed by one and the other, to support  
the sinking cause; and all their  
columns, newly seasoned  
with fresh venom, are squirted  
in their lurking holes into the  
ears of the Federalists.

Thus the polecat, when detected  
and pursued, confesses his fear and  
endeavours to aid his flight, by  
urging his stench into the face of  
his pursuer. The vile animal, in  
this case and the other, may render  
his pursuit disagreeable, but he  
cannot defeat it; unless the pur-  
suer be weak enough to be deter-  
red from their just purpose, by filth  
and noisome smell.

These ideas have frequently been  
brought to our minds of late, by  
the conduct of the Democrats, but  
never so fully and forcibly as on  
reading the democratic handbill,  
dated "An American of '76," and  
dated "August 15th, 1815," which  
fell by accident into our  
hands. For this last squint the  
sensitive little animal seems to  
be condensed, or as the Chy-  
nic would say, "concentrated,"  
in its filth. It appears to be a  
dying effort, in which the pow-  
ers of the creature are exhausted.

As this handbill contains, in a  
condensed form, all the old stand-  
ing lies of the party newly vamp-  
ered, with as many new ones as they  
have been able to invent, we have  
thought it worth while to notice  
and expose it; not for fear of any  
arm that it might do, but to sub-  
ject to merited indignation and  
contempt its authors, and the rot-  
ten and falling fabric which it was  
intended to prop.

To refute, however, all its lies in  
detail, would lead us into too wide  
a field, and would be a labour equal-  
ly useless and disgusting. They  
are very numerous, and for the  
greater part of them, are so pre-  
posterous and absurd, as to refute  
themselves. Such, for instance, as  
these:

"The federalists have invariably  
supported Great Britain, in op-  
position to their own govern-  
ment." By what means, when  
and how? "By zealously defend-  
ing the orders in council, which  
cut up our commerce by the roots."  
"They excused, palliated and  
justified the use of the tomahawk  
and scalping knife, to which de-  
feenceless men and helpless women,  
and even infancy itself, fell vic-  
tims."

"They justified the pillage and  
excesses committed at Hampton, and  
the excesses and confiscations at  
Bayre de Grace," &c. &c.

These are lies which state every-  
thing in the fact: No one, not even  
the most ignorant, is unacquainted  
with their falsehood. Every body  
knows that no federalist ever just-  
ified, or excused, or palliated the  
British orders in council, or the use  
of the tomahawk and scalping  
knife, or the excesses and barbari-  
ties committed at Hampton, Bayre  
de Grace, or elsewhere. The fol-  
lowing are some of these lies, which  
every man of the state knows to be  
such, and which would create as much  
surprise as their barefaced and shame-  
less prolixity and malice does abhorrence.  
It were possible to be surprised  
at any folly or wickedness spring-  
ing from democracy. They are a  
fair specimen of the handbill, and  
of the system. Three fourths of it  
are composed of materials exactly  
similar to the falsehood of which we  
are speaking, that he who runs may  
read.

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