

*The Crisis*—We put the following article upon record, under the deep and solemn impression that it is no idle vagary of a visionary alarmist. The paper whence it is taken, sustains a high character in Virginia. And the Editors of the *National Intelligencer* add their testimony, that treacherous projects and treasonable consultations, were believed to have been held at Washington last winter. Let the people pause and consider. More anon.

“*The Union*.—The Hon. Andrew Stevenson, some two or three weeks ago, publicly expressed the opinion in this city, that if Gen Jackson was not elected the Union would be dissolved. In Kentucky, Mr. Senator Rowan has expressed the same opinion. Why is this opinion entertained? From what circumstance, or number of circumstances, is it derived? Why is the defeat of Gen. Jackson to dissolve the Union, when that effect was not produced by the defeat of other Presidential candidates, at former elections? We do not answer for Mr. Rowan, but we are sure Mr. Stevenson meant no more than to express an opinion, and an opinion which we trust and believe he felt grieved to entertain. We are satisfied that he intended to convey no menace. But how comes it that he should hold an opinion so inconsistent with the historical experience of the country? How comes it that he and Mr. Rowan, Jackson leaders, and we believe inmates of the same house during the late session of Congress, should, at distant geographical points, avow the same extraordinary opinion? We can give the answer. The subject of disunion was familiarly canvassed by the Jackson leaders at Washington. Many of them declared themselves, as a Judge of the General Court of Virginia, did at Norfolk—that if Mr. Adams was not put out by the voice of the people, they would be willing to put him out by force. Put these circumstances and the movements in South Carolina together—and the serious and observing reader will see too much reason to think with us—that the union of these states hangs by a single hair. Were we not solemnly persuaded of this truth, we are the last who would so much as mention disunion. We know the disastrous effect of discussing such a topic—that it has a tendency to hasten the deprecated mischief. But when we see such proceedings as those in South Carolina—when we hear of high dignitaries in the very Capital of Virginia, recommending disunion—when we know there is a purpose to attempt it, unless a particular man is elected to the Presidency, we should be traitors to our patrons, traitors to the duty of our station, and to our country, if we did not sound the alarm. As sure as the Sun is in the Heavens, there is an organized design to dismember the union—a design connected with the presidential election, to which the Tariff is the stalking horse—a design embraced by men of high station and trust. We are no alarmists. We have individually, nothing to lose, and every chance of gaining by such an event. If we were capable of placing ourselves before our country, we would say, let it come. Satisfied of the truth of what we affirm in our minds, our purpose is to warn the country of the storm, whose distant mutterings are already heard.—*Richmond Whig*.