

# **Jacksonian Democracy and Sectionalism**

**1824-1840**

# The “Corrupt Bargain”



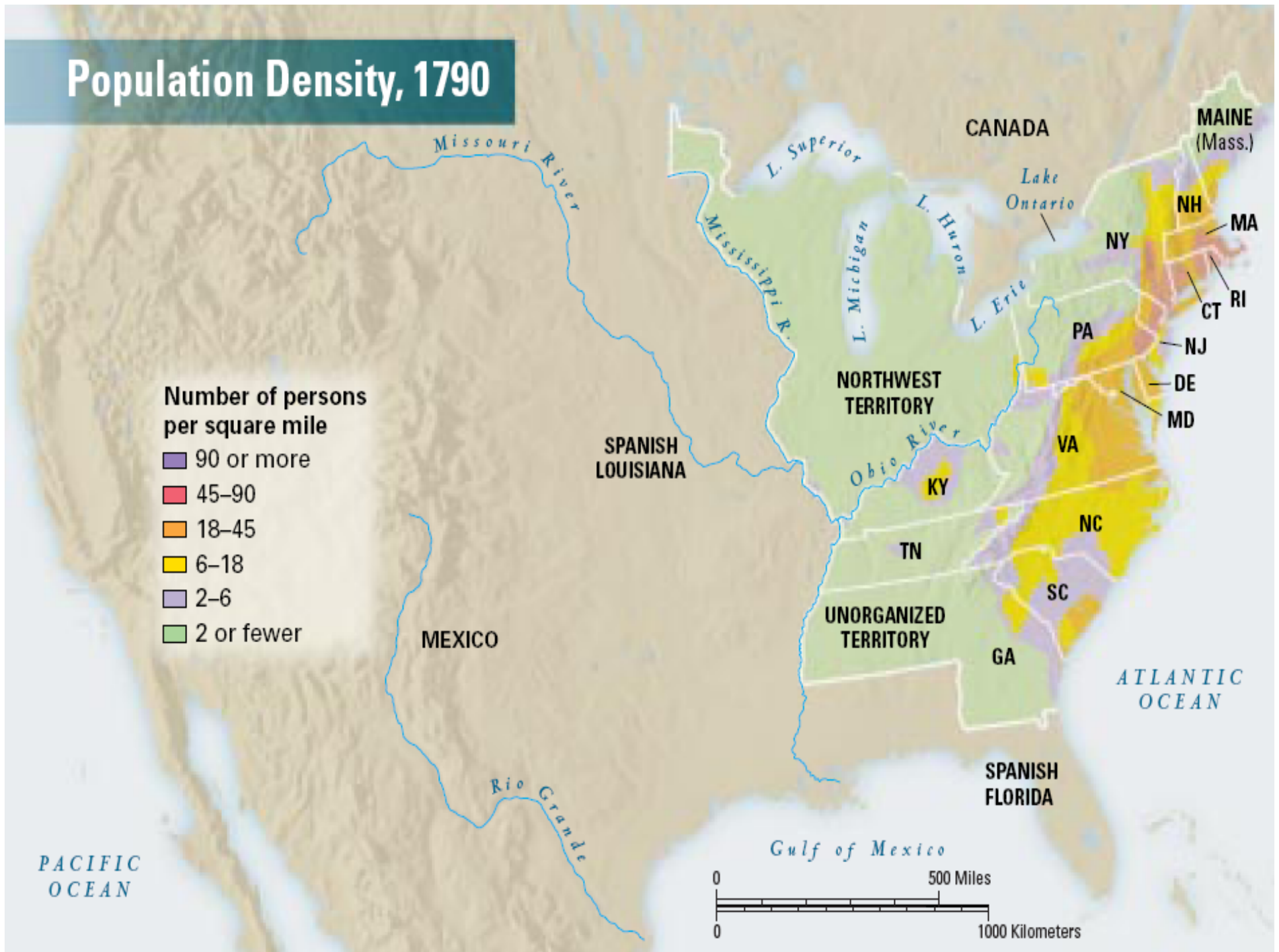
**Election of 1824**

**Henry Clay influenced the outcome as Speaker of the House**

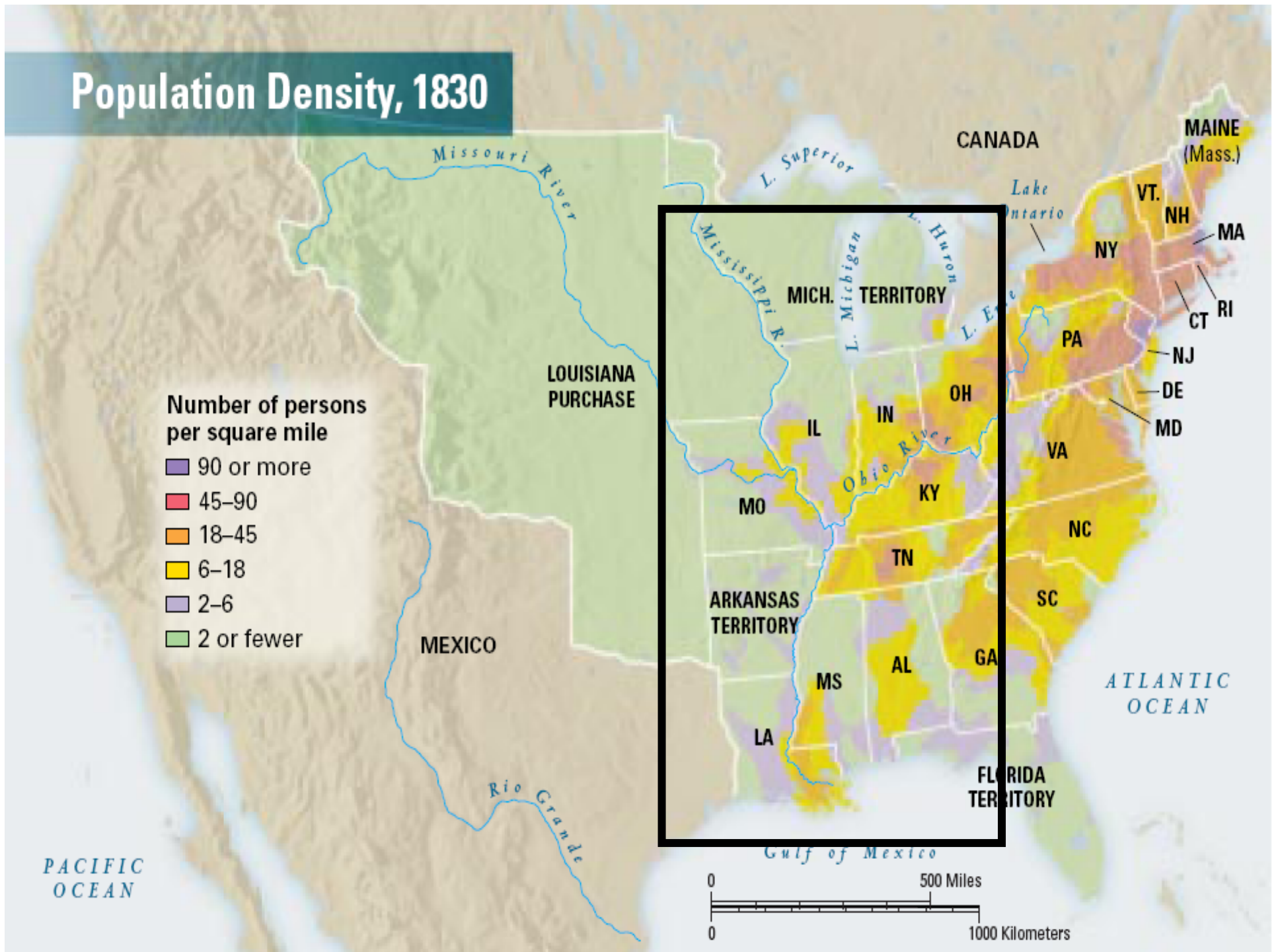
**JQ Adams elected on the first ballot**

**Henry Clay appointed Secretary of State**

# Population Density, 1790



# Population Density, 1830



# **NEW DEMOCRACY**

## **JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRACY**

**People should be governed as little possible**

## **JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY**

**Whatever governing needed to be done, it should be done by the common man. “Government by the majority of people; instead of a government governed by the upper class was introduced during Jackson’s Presidency.**

- **Property ownership/education not needed to vote**
- **Growth of political power of the working class**
  - **Increased number of elected officials**
    - **Land easy to get out West**
- **Ideas of the DOI become important and people saw inequalities in society.**

# **Domestic Affairs:**

## **Nullification Crisis (1828-1833)**

**John Calhoun (SC) encourages nullification of Federal Tariff Laws**

**Jackson responded with threat of force  
compromise Tariff (1833) + force bill**

## **Indian Removal Act (1830)**

**Cherokees and other tribes are forced West  
(Trail of Tears)**

**Opposition by natives/Supreme Court**

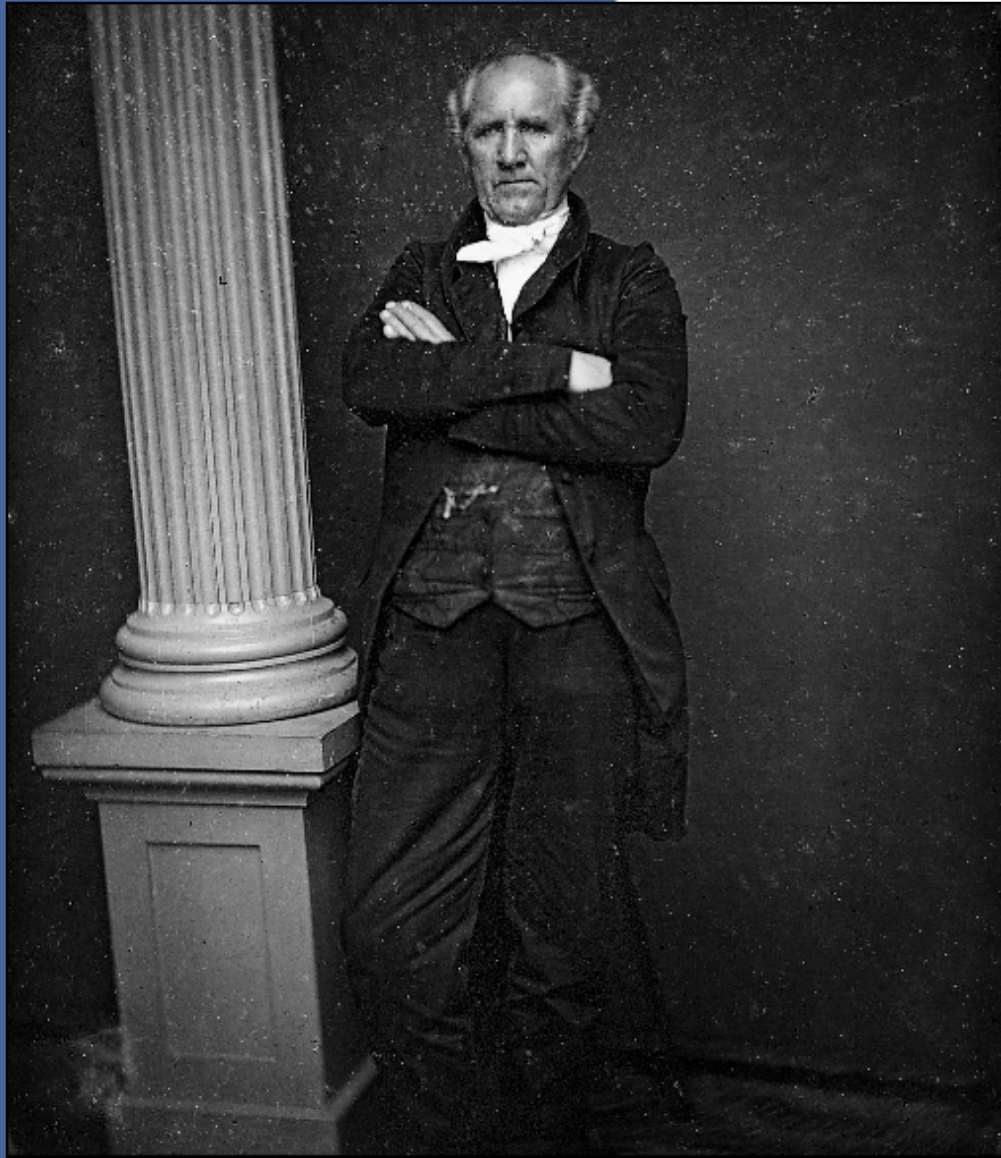
## **Bank War (1832-1836)**

**Jackson's Veto of National Bank charter leads  
to the death of the National Bank**

**"Wildcat" banks and Land Speculation in  
West**



# Annexation of Texas:



**Americans immigrate into Texas (Mexican Territory)**

**Friction w/ Mexican Government:**

**Catholicism**

**Slavery**

**After Stephen Austin is jailed, Sam Houston and other Texans push for independence from Mexico**

# Annexation of Texas:

**Lone Star Republic  
declared (1836)**

**Santa Anna sends troops  
to put down rebellion**

**Alamo  
Goliad  
San Jacinto**

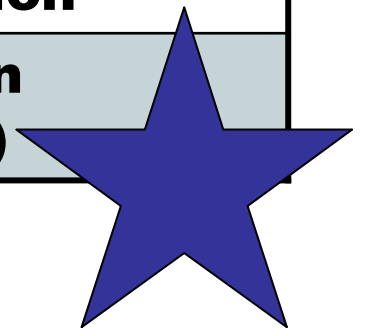
**Annexation Debate in  
Congress**





# Election of 1836

<b>Party:</b>	<b>WHIGS</b>	<b>DEMOCRATS</b>
<b>Supporters:</b>	<b>Wealthy</b>	<b>Common</b>
<b>Platform:</b>	<b>-American System -Dismantle Spoils System -Moral Reforms</b>	<b>-States' Rights -Encourage Spoils System -Increased Competition</b>
<b>Candidate:</b>	<b>Harrison</b>	<b>Van Buren (Jackson)</b>



# Panic of 1837

**“Wildcat banks”**

**Over speculation**

- Western Land**
- canals, roads, slaves, other investments**

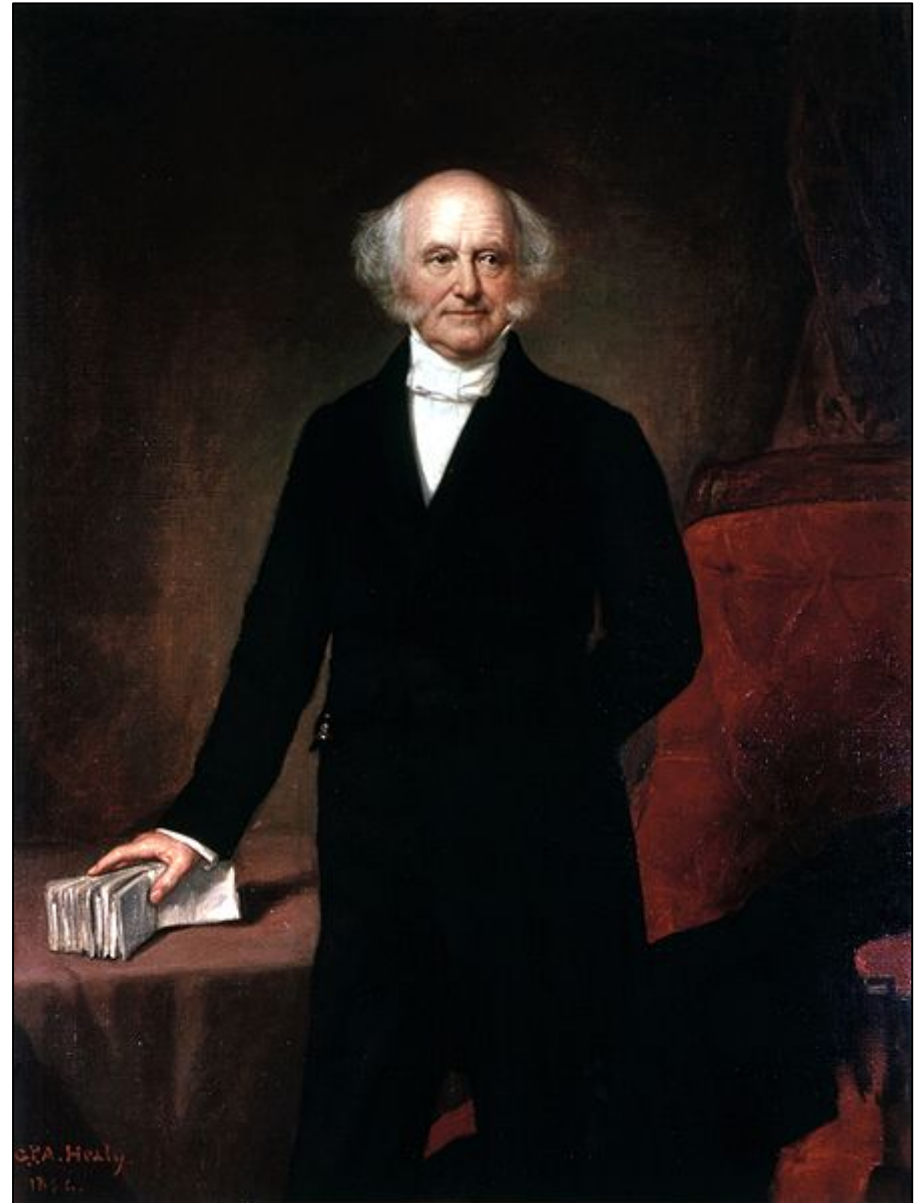
**Crop Failure**

- grain**

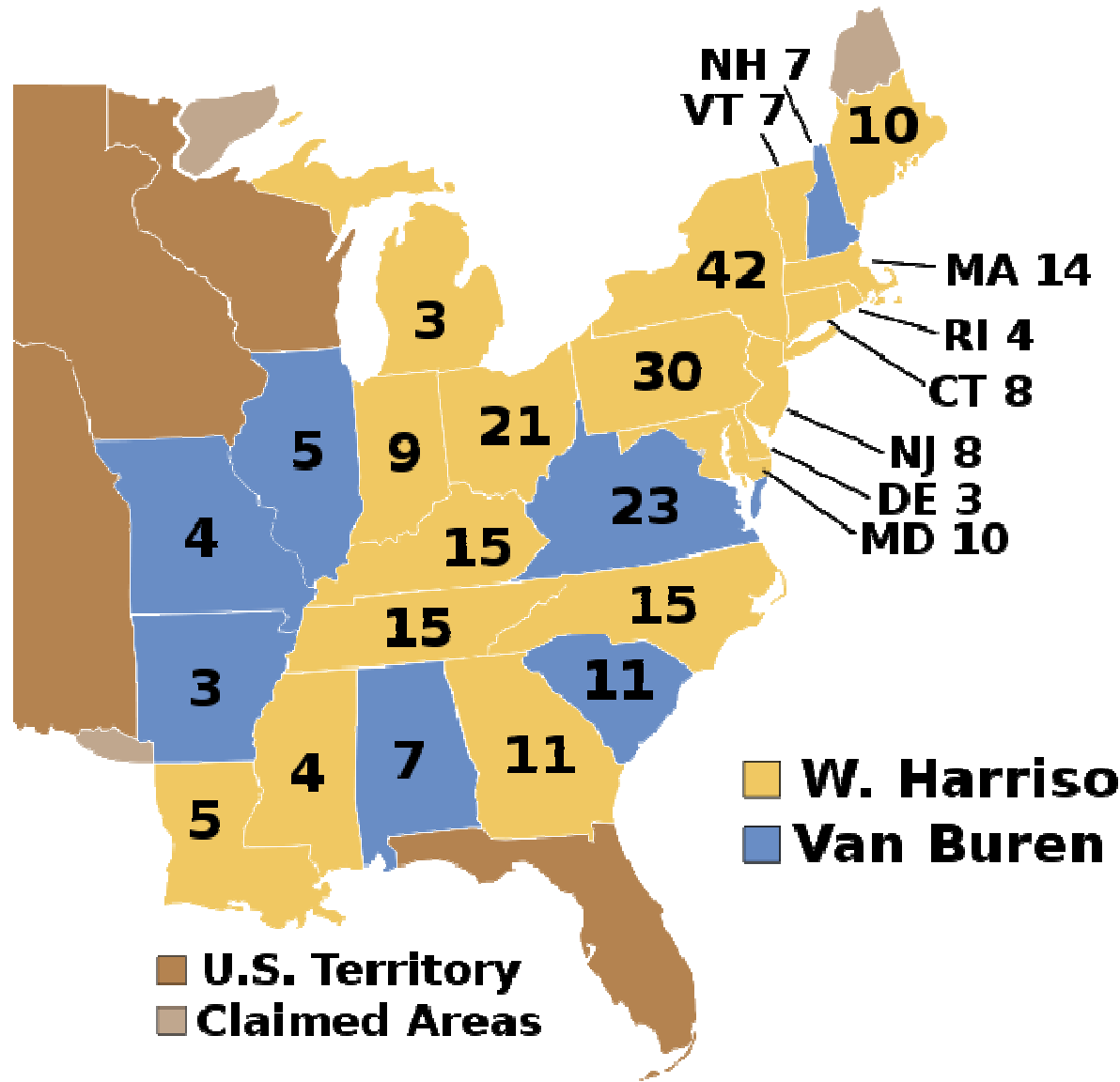
**British Banks Fail**

- Call loans due**

**Independent Treasury Bill  
(1840)**



# Election of 1840



**Whigs v Democrats**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mass turnout election**

**Propaganda/Slogans**

**“Tippecanoe and Tyler Too”**