

MEMORIAL

OF O. H. WILLIAMS, G. R. BEALL, AND G. KEALHOFER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE FARMERS AND MILLERS BANK OF HAGERSTOWN.

To the Honorable

The General Assembly of Maryland :

The undersigned, commissioners appointed by the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, on the 18th August 1840, to ascertain whether the sum of \$75,000 in gold and silver coin, was then in possession of the President and Directors of the Farmers and Millers Bank of Hagerstown, as part of its capital stock, respectfully represent, that they have read the report of the select committee appointed by the House of Delegates, to examine into the condition of said bank, and were surprised at the conclusion to which they have arrived, in relation to our conduct in the matter, and charging us with participation in the fraud, alleged to have been committed by the agents of the bank. In charging us also, with "deceiving the Treasurer, as to the true condition of the bank, by an unfounded report." "That one of the commissioners, although a public officer of the State, aided in the fraud which was practiced to get the bank into operation, and express their opinion that his conduct, and that of his associates in the transaction, demands the severest condemnation." "That we have no excuse or palliation for our participation in the fraud." "That the due execution of the laws, as well as public morals, require that we should not go unpunished." That "the honorable post which one of the commissioners holds in an office of the State, pre-supposes *him* to have been sufficiently intelligent to have faithfully performed *his* duty in the execution of the commission, and the security of the public demands, that an *example* should be made of him and his associates." And the committee conclude that part of the report, by submitting the matter to the House of Delegates, to "take such action as the public interest may require."

Whatever we may suppose to have been the motives or feelings towards us, that actuated a portion of the committee, in making