

mers & Merchants Bank will be pleased to see your committee at the Banking House to-day at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Very truly, &c.,

SPENCER HITCH, President of
of Farmers & Merchants Bank.

The committee then proceeded to the banking house and were met by Dr. G. W. Goldsborough one of the directors of said bank, who on the part of the board of directors of said institution, stated to the committee that the board of directors protested against the right of the committee to examine into the affairs of the bank, but at the same time invited them to make a full examination into the condition of the Institution.

Your committee then requested said Goldsborough to reduce his protest to writing, setting forth the ground of objection on the part of the board of directors as to the right of the committee to make an examination; which protest was prepared and signed by the board of directors, and is herewith submitted as a part of the proceedings in this cause.

Your committee having selected Thomas J. Errickson, Esq., a justice of the peace in and for Caroline county, to administer the oaths to such witnesses as they might deem proper to examine, proceeded to business.

They summoned before them such of the late officers of the bank and other persons as they deemed necessary, who were supposed to be able to testify to facts, which would enable them to understand the present condition of the bank, and the history of its origin, progress and the general management of its affairs. The testimony of these witnesses, together with certain documents and papers relating to the bank, are now presented to the House, so that it may be fully able to judge of the correctness of the conclusion to which your committee have arrived.

The act of incorporating the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Greensborough was passed by the General Assembly of Maryland on the 10th day of March 1854. The capital stock authorised by the 2nd section of the act of incorporation is "*One Hundred Thousand Dollars*, divided into four thousand shares, of twenty-five dollars each, to be subscribed for under the direction of the Commissioners or any five of them at Greensborough in Caroline county, or in any other place or places that a majority may direct." And by the 6th section of said act it is provided "*that the aforesaid bank from the time its capital stock shall be actually paid up in gold and silver coin, or in either and not before, that then it shall be entitled to all the rights, powers, privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions, limitations and conditions of the Cecil Bank in Cecil county Maryland?*"