

by the oath or affirmation of the president and cashier, in at least one of the daily newspapers published in the city of Annapolis, and shall show the condition of the corporation in the said particulars, as they may appear at the close of the business transaction of the first Monday in January, in each and every year.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the total amount of the debt which any of the said corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, note, or other contract, shall not exceed the amount of capital actually paid into the said bank; provided, that the money deposited in the said bank for safe keeping, shall not be considered as the debt of the bank, within the provisions of this clause, unless the contracting of a greater debt shall have been previously authorized by a law of this State; and in case of excess, the directors under whose administration it shall happen, shall be liable for the same in their natural and private capacities, and an action may in such cases be brought against them, or any of them, or their heirs, executors or administrators, in any court of record in this State, by any creditor or creditors of said corporation, and may be prosecuted to judgment and execution, any condition, covenant, or agreement to the contrary notwithstanding; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the said corporation, or the lands, tenements goods and chattles of the same, from being also liable for, and chargeable with the said excess; and such of the said directors who may have been absent when the said excess was created, or who may have dissented from the resolution or act, whereby the same was created, may respectfully exonerate themselves from being so liable, by forthwith giving notice of the fact, and of their absence or dissent, to the stockholders at a general meeting which they shall have the power to call for that purpose.

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SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the bank shall not deal or trade in anything except bills of exchange, promissory notes and bullion, or in the produce of their lands, or of such goods and effects as shall have been *bona fide* pledged or mortgaged to it, by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased

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