

intermediate between five and ten dollars, and the General Assembly may at any time restrict the issue of such notes both in the amount which may be issued and in the denomination of notes; but this section shall not be construed as compulsory on said corporation to issue such bank notes if the directors should at any time deem it unadvisable.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the president, each director and cashier, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully, impartially, diligently and honestly execute the duties of agreeably to the provisions of the law and the trust reposed in me to the best of my skill and judgment," said oath or affirmation to be taken before any justice of the peace or other person having authority under the laws of this state to administer oaths, and to be made in writing, signed by the affiant, and filed among the archives of the bank.

Oath to be taken.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the total amount of the debts which the said corporation shall at any time owe, exclusive of its issues or notes, whether by bill, bond, note or contract, shall not exceed the amount of the capital stock actually paid in; provided that money deposited in the bank for safe keeping shall not be considered as debts of the bank within the provisions of this section, unless the contracting of a greater debt shall have been previously authorized by a law of this state, and in cases of excess the directors under whose administration it shall happen shall be liable for the same in their natural and private capacities, and 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 chattels of the same from being also liable for and chargeable with the said excess; and such of the directors as 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 respectively exon-

Limit of debts.

Officers to be prosecuted.

How exonerated.