

estly execute the office 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 reduced to writing, signed by the affiant and preserved among the records of said corporation.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the lands, tenements and hereditaments which it shall be lawful for said corporation to hold shall be only such as shall be requisite for its immediate accommodation in relation to the convenient transaction of its business, or such as shall have been bona fide mortgaged or conveyed to it by way of security or in satisfaction of debts contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales upon judgments or decrees which shall have been obtained for such debts or foreclosure of mortgages, or at mortgagee's sale or sales in cases where mortgages conferring power on the mortgagees or attorneys named therein to sell the real estate mentioned therein, shall have been executed or assigned to such corporation to secure such debts.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all bills or notes that may be issued by order of said corporation, signed by the president and countersigned by the cashier thereof, promising the payment of money to any person or persons, his, her or their order, or bearer, though not under the seal of the corporation, shall be binding and obligatory upon the corporation in like manner and with the like force and effect as upon any private person or persons, if issued by him, her or them in his, her or their private or natural capacity or capacities, and shall be assignable and negotiable in like manner as if they were so issued by such private person or persons; that is to say, those which shall be payable to any person or persons, his, her or their order, shall be assignable by endorsement in like manner and with like effect as foreign bills of exchange now are, and those which are payable to bearer shall be negotiable or assignable by delivery only.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the said corporation to make discounts or to pay out any funds or money other than gold or silver coin or certificates, or legal tender notes, the lawful currency of the United States, notes issued by the authority of this Act and of other banking institutions received at their par value by the bank so paying them out.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time the said corporation shall neglect or refuse to pay in gold or silver coin or certificates, or lawful money of the United States, any of its notes, bills or obligations, or money received on deposit, in