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er if required, with statements of the amount of the capital stock of the said corporation, and of the debts due to and from the same, of the monies deposited therein, of the notes in circulation, of the cash and property on hand, and of the profits made, and shall have a right to inspect such general accounts in the books of the bank as shall relate to the statement, but nothing herein contained to imply a right of inspecting the account of any private individual or individuals with the bank, nor shall such general statement and power of inspection be used for any other purpose than to enable him to form and express a just opinion of the state of the institution, and when required to report the grounds of said opinion to the Legislature.

Private accounts excepted

Issues limited

ART. 5. The issues or notes usually denominated bank notes, which it shall be lawful for the said corporation to issue, shall not at any time exceed the amount of the capital stock actually paid in by the subscribers, nor shall any of said issues or notes be for a less sum than five dollars.

Oath of officers, &c.

ART. 6. The president, each director, cashier, or treasurer, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, I do swear or affirm, that I will faithfully, impartially, diligently and honestly execute the duties of agreeably to the provisions of law and the trust reposed in me, to the best of my skill and judgment.

Amount of liabilities limited

ART. 7. The total amount of the debts which the said corporation shall at any time owe, exclusive of its issues or notes, usually denominated bank notes, whether by bond, bill, note, or other contract, shall not exceed the amount of the capital actually paid into said

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bank, 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 case be brought against them or any of them, or their heirs, executors or administrators in any court of record of this State, by any creditors or creditor of said corporation, and may be prosecuted to judgment and execution, any condition, covenant or agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Personal responsibility