

whose charters may not, in the judgment of the court, be subjected to forfeiture for the non-payment of specie, do not resume specie payments, at the time, and in the manner prescribed with reference to those banks whose charters are liable to be so forfeited, and continue the payment thereof, then, unless the said banks conform in all respects to the preceding provisions, they shall for each offence of emitting notes and other evidences of debt, which are not redeemable and redeemed on demand in gold or silver, forfeit and pay the sum of _____ dollars, to be recovered by indictment or action of debt in the county court, in the name of the State of Maryland, one half thereof for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the State.

Sec. 11th. And be it enacted, That the officers and servants of the bank participating in the offence pointed out in the preceding section, shall in addition to the sum to be forfeited by the bank, forfeit and pay the sum of _____, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Sec. 12th. And be it enacted, That if the banks whose charters in the judgment of the court, are not liable to forfeiture for the non-payment of specie, do in all respects conform to the provisions of this act, they shall be entitled to all its benefits, privileges and immunities, and to wind up their own affairs in the mode pointed out in the preceding sections.

Sec. 13th. And be it enacted, That in the progress of winding up, the said banks, their officers and servants, and the sheriffs, or their deputies, shall not receive in payment of any debt due to the said bank, any notes, or other claims against the said banks, unless where the same shall have been held by the debtor, at the time of the failure or refusal by the bank to pay specie as aforesaid.

Sec. 14th. And be it enacted, That the banks in this State shall be under no obligation to pay specie for any demands upon them, when made by, or in behalf of any bank or banks in this State, or elsewhere, when the bank or banks, making the demand of payment, is, or are in a state of suspension; and it shall be lawful for the banks, when they have reason to believe, that the demand is made by a non-specie-paying bank, to put the agent or party making the demand, upon his oath, or affirmation, touching the fact.

Sec. 15th. And be it enacted, That the several banks in this State, be and they are hereby authorised and permitted, to issue notes of a lower denomination than five dollars, but not less than one dollar; provided, such notes are always redeemable and redeemed on demand in gold or silver; and in case the said banks shall fail or refuse to pay such notes on demand in gold or silver, they shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of \$ _____ to be recovered by indictment or action of debt in the county court, one half for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the State.

Sec. 16th. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, to ask, demand,