

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the unfinished order of yesterday, being the bill reported by Mr. Sprigg, chairman of the committee on the currency, entitled, an act for the better regulation of the banking institutions of this State;

Mr. Williams moved to amend said bill by adding at the end of the 1st section thereof the following—"who shall cause the same to be published in two of the daily newspapers in the city of Baltimore, and in one newspaper in each county in this State."

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Blocher moved to amend said bill by inserting between the first and second sections the following:

"And be it enacted, That any bank in this State, after the first of July next, refusing to redeem their notes, checks, bills or other issues for circulation, shall pay an interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum on the whole amount of such circulation, from the date of the suspension of specie payments until such bank shall give notice of, and commence the payment of specie for their said notes or other issues.

And be it enacted, That in every case wherein a banking company or any other incorporated company in this State, shall issue notes, bills, checks or certificates for purposes of circulation, and shall fail to redeem the same with constitutional coin when called on to do so, then and in that case the whole of the private fortunes of the president, directors and cashier of such bank or other incorporated company, shall be held responsible in order to secure its note holders and depositors against loss and damage, to be recovered as other debts are in this State.

And be it enacted, That each stockholder shall be held responsible in a sum not exceeding one half the amount of stock held by him, her or them, for the purpose of securing note holders and depositors against loss or damage, to be recovered as before named.

And be it enacted, That in case of any of the said officers transferring their stock, or resigning their offices, their liability, as provided for in the foregoing section of this act, shall not cease for the term of six months thereafter."

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Ely, the yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows—

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Higgins
Orrick
Ristean
Ely
Comegys
Evans

Williams
Nelson
Forwood
Hillen
Gallagher
Swingley

Witmer
Neff
Blocher
Boyle, of Car.
Shower
Berret