

their order, shall be assignable by endorsement in like manner, and with the like effect as foreign bills of exchange now are, and those which are payable to bearer shall be negotiable or assignable by delivery only. 15. 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 execute the duties of _____, agreeably to the provisions of the law, and the trusts reposed in me, to the best of my skill and knowledge." 16. That if the said corporation, or any person or persons for or to the use of the same, shall deal or trade in buying or selling any goods, wares, merchandize, or commodities whatsoever, contrary to the provision of this act, all and every person and persons by whom any order or direction for so dealing or trading shall have been given, and all and every person and persons who shall have been concerned as parties or agents therein, shall forfeit and lose treble the value of the goods, wares, and merchandizes, and commodities in which such dealing and trade shall have been, one half thereof to the use of the informer, and the other half thereof to the use of the state, to be recovered with costs of suit.—17. That if the said corporation shall advance or lend any sum for the use or on account of this state, the United States, or any particular state, to an amount exceeding 50,000 dollars, or of any foreign prince or state, unless previously authorized thereto by a law of the state, all and every person and persons, by and with whose order, agreement, consent, approbation or connivance, such unlawful advance or loan shall have been made, upon conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, treble the value or amount of the sum or sums which shall have been so unlawfully advanced or lent, one fifth thereof to the use of the informer, and the residue thereof to the use of the state.—18. The total amount of the debts which the said corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, note, or other contract, shall not exceed double the amount of the capital actually paid into the said bank; provided, that the money deposited in the said bank for safe keeping, shall not be considered as the debts of the bank within the provision of this clause, (unless the contracting of a greater debt shall have been previously authorized by a law of the state), 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 of debt may in such case 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 the 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 or chattels of the same, from being also liable for and chargeable with the said excess; and such of the said directors who 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 exonerate themselves from being