

responsibilities and liabilities imposed on stockholders in their individual capacities by the nineteenth Section of this Act.

21. The total amount of the debts (deposits excepted) which the said Corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, or note, or other contract whatsoever, shall not exceed twice the amount of the capital stock actually paid in by the stockholders; and in case of any excess, the Directors under whose administration and management the same shall happen, shall be liable for such excess in their individual and private capacities; provided always, that the lands, tenements, goods, and chattels of the said Corporation shall also be liable for such excess.

22. The Directors shall make half yearly dividends of all profits, rents, premiums, and interests of the said Corporation, payable at such time and place as the Directors shall appoint, of which they shall give thirty days notice in two Newspapers published in this Province.

23. The books, papers, correspondence, and funds of the said Corporation shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Directors, but no stockholder not a Director shall inspect the account of any individual with the Corporation.

24. All bills or notes issued by the said Corporation shall be signed by the President for the time being, and countersigned and attested by the Cashier, and shall be printed and made in steel plates; and all bills and notes so signed and countersigned shall be binding on the said Corporation, and payable in specie at the said Bank; provided no note shall be issued by the said Corporation for a less sum than five shillings.

25. The said Corporation shall be liable to pay to any *bona fide* holder the original amount of any note of the said Bank which shall have been counterfeited or altered in the course of its circulation to a larger amount, notwithstanding such alteration.

26. The said Bank shall be kept and established in the Parish of Chatham, and County of Northumberland, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may think it necessary to remove the said Bank on account of any great emergency for the security thereof.

27. The Directors shall at the general meeting to be held on the first Monday in April in every year, lay before the stockholders for their information an exact and particular statement of the amount of debts due to and by the said Corporation, the amount of Bank notes then in circulation, the amount of gold and silver in hand, and the amount of such debts as are in their opinion bad or doubtful, also the surplus or profit, if any, remaining after deduction of losses and provisions for dividends; which statement shall be signed by the Directors and attested by the Cashier, and a duplicate statement so signed and attested shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Province for the information of the Governor and the Legislature; provided always, that the rendering of such statement shall not extend to give any right to the stockholders, not being Directors, to inspect the account of any individual or individuals with the Corporation.

28. No loan shall be made by the said Bank on the pledge of its own stock.

29. Any Joint Committee hereafter to be appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly for the purpose of examining into the proceedings of the said Corporation, shall either during the Session or prorogation of the General Assembly, have free access to all the books and vaults of the same.

30. Any number of stockholders, not less than twelve, who together shall be proprietors of three hundred shares, shall have power at any time, by themselves or their proxies, to call a general meeting of the stockholders for purposes relating to the business of the said Corporation, giving at least thirty days previous notice in two Newspapers published in the Province, and specifying in such notice the time and place of such meeting, with the objects thereof; and the Directors, or any three of them, shall have the like power at any time upon observing the like formalities, to call a general meeting as aforesaid.

31. On any dissolution of the said Corporation, immediate and effectual measures shall be taken by the Directors then in office for closing all the concerns of the said Corporation, and for dividing the capital and profits which may remain among the stockholders, in proportion to their respective interests; and in case any bills issued by the said Corporation shall remain unpaid, the holders of stock in the said Corporation, as well as those who were stockholders at the time of the notice of the said dissolution, which said notice shall take place by a publication of their intention so to do, in the Royal Gazette, twelve months previous to the said Corporation being allowed to carry the same into effect, shall be chargeable in their private and individual capacity for the payment and redemption thereof, in proportion to the stock they respectively held or hold, subject however to the proviso mentioned in the nineteenth Section of this Act; provided however, that this liability shall continue for two years only from and after the notice of such dissolution.

32. The aggregate of all the debts due to the said Bank from the Directors thereof, as principals, endorsers, or sureties, shall not at any one time exceed twenty per centum of the capital stock.

33. The Cashier of the said Bank shall semi-annually, that is to say, on the first Monday in December and the first Monday in June in each and every year, make a return in triplicate of the state of the said Bank as it existed at three of the clock in the afternoon of the said days respectively, and shall forthwith transmit the same to the Office of the Secretary of the Province; which return shall specify the amount due from the Bank, designating in distinct columns the several particulars included therein; and shall also specify the resources of the said Bank, designating in distinct columns the several particulars included therein; and the said return shall be made in the following form:—

FORM OF RETURN.

*State of the Miramichi Bank on the day of 18 ,
3 o'clock, P. M.*

DUE FROM BANK.

Bills in circulation,
Net profits on hand,
Balance due to other Banks,
Cash deposited, including all sums whatever due from the
Bank not bearing interest, its bills in circulation, profits,
and balances due to other Banks excepted,
Cash deposited bearing interest,
Total amount due from the Bank,

RESOURCES OF BANK.

Gold, silver, and other coined metals in its banking house,
Real estate,
Bills of other Banks incorporated in this Province,
Balances due from other Banks,
Amount of all debts due, including notes, bills of exchange,
and all stock and funded debts of every description,
except the balances due from other Banks,
Total amount of the resources of the Bank,
Date and amount of the last dividend, and when declared,
Amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring the last
dividend,
Amount of debts due and not paid, and considered doubtful,

Which return shall be signed by the Cashier of said Bank, who shall make oath or affirmation before some Magistrate qualified to administer oaths, to the truth of the said return according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and the Cashier of said Bank shall also make return under oath, whenever required by the Legislature, of the names of the stockholders, and the amount of stock owned by each; and a majority of the Directors of said Bank shall certify and make oath or affirmation before the same Magistrate as the said Cashier, that the books of the said Bank indicate the state of facts so returned by their