

of the Governor, who is hereby authorized by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to appoint three Commissioners, not being stockholders, whose duty it shall be to examine and count the money actually in the vaults, and to ascertain by the oaths of the majority of the Directors, that half the amount of its capital has been paid in by the stockholders towards payment of their respective shares, and not for any other purpose, and that it is intended to have it there remain as part of the capital stock of the said Bank; which investigation is hereby declared indispensable, and shall be made at the periods prescribed by the second section of this Act, when paying in the capital stock of the said Bank.

18. The shares or capital stock shall be assignable and transferable according to the rules and regulations that may be established in that behalf; but no assignment or transfer shall be valid or effectual unless such assignment or transfer shall be entered and registered in a book to be kept by the Directors, for that purpose, nor until such person or persons so making the same, shall previously discharge all debts actually due and payable to the said Corporation; in no case shall any fractional part of a share, or other than a complete share or shares, be assignable or transferable; and whenever any stockholder shall transfer in manner aforesaid all his stock or shares in the said Bank to any other person or persons whatever, such stockholder shall cease to be a member of the said Corporation.

19. The said Corporation shall not directly or indirectly deal in any thing excepting bills of exchange, gold or silver bullion, or in the sale of goods really and truly pledged for money lent and not redeemed in due time, or in the sale of stock pledged for money lent and not so redeemed, which said goods and stock so pledged shall be sold by the said Corporation at public sale at any time not less than thirty days after the period for redemption; and if upon such sale of goods or stock there shall be a surplus, after deducting the money lent, together with the expenses of sale, such surplus shall be paid to the proprietors thereof respectively.

20. The holders of the stock of the said Bank shall be chargeable in their private and individual capacity, and shall be holden for the payment and redemption of all bills which may have been issued by the said Corporation, and also for the payment of all debts at any time due from the said Corporation, in proportion to the stock they respectively hold; provided always, that in no case shall any one stockholder be liable to pay a sum exceeding the amount of stock actually then held by him; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein previously contained shall be construed to exempt the joint stock of the said Corporation from being also liable for and chargeable with the debts and engagements of the same.

21. Every bond, bank bill, or bank note, or other instrument, by the terms or effects of which the said Corporation may be charged or held liable for the payment of money, shall specially declare in such form as the Board of Directors shall prescribe, that payment shall be made out of the joint funds of the said Corporation; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter, change or diminish the responsibilities or liabilities imposed on stockholders in their individual capacities by the nineteenth Section of this Act.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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 said Corporation.

25. 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 one dollar.

26. 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 altered in the course of its circulation to a larger amount, notwithstanding such alteration.

27. The said Bank shall be kept and established in the County of Albert, at such place in the said County as the Board of Directors may think proper.

28. The Directors shall at the general meeting to be held on the first Monday in May 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 profits (if any) remaining after deduction of losses and provision 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 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 said Corporation.

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

30. 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.

31. 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