

## BANKS.

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In force 21st  
July, 1837.AN ACT to suspend, for a limited time, Certain Laws in relation to the Banks  
in this State.

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That every provision of law, requiring or authorizing proceedings against any bank in in this State, with a view to forfeit its charter, or wind up its concerns, or which requires said bank to suspend its operations and proceedings, in consequence of its refusal to pay its notes or evidences of debt in specie, is hereby suspended until the end of the next general or special session of the General Assembly, unless the banks shall have generally resumed specie payment at an earlier date, in which case the Governor shall give notice thereof by proclamation, and the said bank shall, within twenty days thereafter, also, resume specie payments: *Provided, however,* That to secure the benefit of the foregoing provision, said bank shall agree to conform to, and comply with, the following conditions, restrictions and limitations, viz:

*First*—That it will not, either directly or indirectly, divide or pay among its stockholders, or to any person for them, any dividends, interest, or profits whatever, until it shall bona fide resume the payment of its notes and evidences of debt in specie; which dividends shall be retained in bank as an additional security to the holders of its notes.

*Second*—That it will not, directly or indirectly, during the suspension of specie payment, sell, dispose of, or part with any of its specie, or gold or silver bullion, except for the purposes of change to the amount of five dollars, or under the sum of five dollars.

*Third*—That it will furnish monthly, upon the oath of its president or cashier, to the Executive of the State, a full and complete statement of the condition and financial operations of said bank and branches, which shall be published in the newspaper of the State printer.

*Fourth*—That it will not, directly or indirectly, issue or put into circulation, during the period of its suspension of specie payments, any bank bill or note, or any evidence of debt by which the amount of its circulation shall be increased beyond the amount of capital stock actually paid in by the stockholders.

*Fifth*—That it will receive upon deposit any funds belonging to the State, which may be required to be so deposited, and pay the same out upon the order of the proper officer, or agent of the State, in kind, free from charge; and also all funds heretofore deposited by the State.

*Sixth*—That until the banks shall resume specie payments, citizens and residents of this State, who are indebted

to them upon notes heretofore discounted, shall be allowed to pay their debts in instalments, at the rate of ten per cent, upon each and every renewal of the amount originally due, upon condition that such debtors shall execute new notes, with satisfactory security, and pay the aforesaid per cent. and the interest in advance, according to the usage and custom of banking. *Provided,* That this section shall not apply to notes or bonds assigned or endorsed to the bank. Proviso.

*Seventh*—That any violation of the provisions of this act, or any failure to comply with and conform to the same, shall subject the bank in default to a forfeiture of its charter. Seventh

**SEC. 2.** Whenever any bank shall accept the provisions of this act, and the president thereof shall furnish the Governor with a certificate of the fact of such acceptance, under their corporate seal, the Governor shall issue a proclamation, stating the fact of such acceptance; and from and after the date of such proclamation such bank shall be considered as being entitled to all the benefits hereby conferred, and bound by all the conditions, restrictions and limitations herein contained. Duty of President of Bank to furnish Governor with certificate. Governor shall issue proclamation.

**SEC. 3.** This act shall not be construed so as to impair any rights required by individuals, or to exonerate the bank from any liability to the holders of its notes, for the nonpayment of the same; and the provisions of this section shall apply as well to notes heretofore issued as to notes which may hereafter be issued. Rights of individuals not impaired by this act.

APPROVED 21st July, 1837.

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