

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR OF STATE,

FOR THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

SHOWING THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1854.

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

INDIANA DIVISION  
INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

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protested, thereby acquires a priority in the payment, the undersigned deems it his duty to state that such is not the fact. In case of the winding up of any bank under the Statute, the notes not protested, are placed on the same footing as those which have been protested, and a dividend of the assets will be made *pro rata*.

Holders of notes should also bear in mind that the amount of the dividend would be essentially diminished by the costs and fees of protests, and expenses of sales of assets.

The undersigned has also determined, that in discharging his duty to all the creditors of any bank which may be forced into liquidation, he will not proceed to offer any of the assets of such bank in the market, until after at least sixty days' notice in New York, London and Paris, so as to insure the largest and best price for the securities, and not then, if, in his opinion, the ultimate interests of all concerned will be promoted by a further extension. He is, also, authorized to exchange the State Stocks deposited in his office as collateral by several of the banks, at par for their circulation, when presented in sums of not less than one thousand dollars.

JOHN P. DUNN,  
*Auditor of State.*

So great has been the commotion throughout the whole country, on the subject of money and currency, that the history of the times has marked it as an epoch. The whole effect may not yet have been felt, nor the great results known.

The circulation or issues of the banks organized under the security system of our general banking law, was on the first of May last, near nine million of dollars, since which period, and up to the 15th of December there has been cancelled and destroyed of said amount, near the sum of two million, eight hundred and fifty-four thousand, two hundred and seventy-nine dollars, thus reducing to less than six millions, at that day, since which time the work of redemption and cancellation is still in rapid and extensive progress, giving almost positive assurance that full five-sevenths of the whole amount ever issued, will be retired before the first of May next, which will leave but about two millions in circulation or existence at that time: provided the same unfavorable course is pursued by the public in demanding coin for every bill which falls into their hands.

In such a contraction of the circulating medium of a State, so vigorous, industrious and enterprising as Indiana, much embarrassment and difficulty must ensue, unless some other and better circulation shall fill this suddenly vacuum.

It will be one of the most difficult and important duties of the Legislative department to devise a system which can furnish, on a safe and reliable basis, so large a sum, or a sum sufficient for the trade, business, and commerce of our people. The want of confidence, now so generally diffused, in reference to banks or

bankers, will make it exceedingly difficult to organize any system of credit, as represented by paper promises to pay, which will command the confidence of the public.

If bank notes issued upon the stocks of States which have never failed to pay the interest as it became due upon their bonds, with the additional securities of personal responsibilities, in many cases worth more than the whole issues of the bank, and the whole specie and assets of the bank faithfully applied to the redemption of their notes, are insufficient to inspire confidence, in the safety and value of the paper, then indeed, it would seem to be very questionable whether any system of paper currency would be regarded with public favor. Indeed, those banks which have been most prompt and unceasing in the redemption of every note as it is presented, have met with but little more favor, than have those who conveniently allowed the brokers, bankers, and other bill holders to take what they can get under the compromises of parties or the strength of the law. If this want of public confidence, this desire to make trade and traffic of exchange and of coin shall continue, and what shall abate it? What hope is there that the old system of mere confidence banking, with power to issue two or three dollars in paper to every dollar of specie in their vaults, and in many cases five dollars to one in coin, can ever again obtain favor, countenance or confidence among a people who can compare the advantages and disadvantages of real security and nominal words of confidence. It is true that the paper of the Indiana Stock Banks has depreciated under the general panic, and has been sold at a loss, but to all who took the trouble to read and to learn, it was always manifest, that there was no great necessity for large losses. Whilst on the other hand, old and respectable confidence banks which failed in Ohio and elsewhere, were so little upheld by public opinion, and the protestations of their officers, that their notes fell almost valueless in the hands of innocent holders.

The securities of no bank have been lessened in any instance, but, where parties, by agreement, have surrendered notes and taken bonds. Care has been taken to give the least valuable securities first, so that no deterioration should ultimately occur.

Where banks have failed, or may fail, to protect, or take up their notes to the satisfaction of holders thereof, I have determined to collect the accrued interest upon their bonds, and reinvest it in additional securities, to strengthen the fund for the redemption of their notes, by the action of compound interest.

It is quite probable that a number of the existing stock banks, will voluntarily close their operations and finally wind up. Several have already signified their intention to close, and are engaged in redeeming all their issues. Others have made their arrangements to continue business in a legitimate and regular manner provided the action of the legislature be such as to permit them to operate without embarrassing and impracticable restrictions.

STATEMENT NO. 25.

*Showing an Abstract of the condition and operation of the Indiana Free Banks therein named, for the six months ending July 1st, A. D. 1854.*

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Num <sup>r</sup> .	Names of Banks.	Capital Stock.	Notes Discounted and Bills of Exchange.	Remittances and Notes of other Banks.	Amount of Debts Due to Bank.	Real and Personal Property for Bank Purposes.	Gold and Silver on hand.	Dividends, Premiums and Expenses paid.	Total Am't.
1	Bank of North America.....	\$80,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$14,108 00	\$51,500 00	.....	\$7,500 00	.....	\$120,000 00
2	Bank of Attica.....	154,440 00	128,092 92	69,166 89	5,392 41	18,825 02	\$11,862 00	333,310 25	
3	Bank of Connersville.....	623,195 90	17,058 00	99,963 92	\$10,000 00	75,386 87	.....	887,770 01	
4	Bank of Covington.....	165,000 00	61,502 00	10,853 00	9,589 94	20,391 82	6,000 00	267,817 76	
5	Bank of Fort Wayne.....	100,000 00	38,209 78	52,368 79	6,580 70	11,841 20	.....	209,070 47	
6	Bank of Goshen.....	200,000 00	72,222 23	75,156 99	26,643 91	25,374 74	.....	409,397 87	
7	Bank of Indiana at Michigan City.....	50,000 00	42,424 56	12,434 00	3,053 18	8,083 50	2,618 07	119,513 31	
8	Bank of Mount Vernon.....	53,000 00	9,327 85	6,074 00	4,402 44	9,130 31	120,944 40		
9	Bank of South Bend.....	450,000 00	100,000 00	400 00	2,000 00	14,000 30	7,000 00	925,005 48	
10	Brookville Bank.....	66,088 55	118,958 20	16,807 00	992 42	12,913 31	9,848 81	239,196 39	
11	Bank of Albany.....	80,000 00	.....	.....	.....	5,000 00	.....	91,000 00	
12	Canal Bank.....	50,000 00	149,769 07	30,103 00	51,586 13	13,002 21	1,559 84	240,191 25	
13	Crescent City Bank.....	59,601 00	63,346 34	13,046 25	33,343 93	14,342 73	.....	193,936 98	
14	Central Bank.....	245,920 00	106,865 81	53,480 00	108,604 28	5,135 70	34,634 68	367,485 35	
15	Cambridge City Bank.....	5,000 00	127,386 43	9,169 00	12,530 85	.....	1,700 38	155,806 76	
16	Brovers' Bank.....	50,000 00	25,000 00	.....	.....	.....	15,000 00	100,000 60	
17	Delaware County Bank.....	90,300 00	4,195 50	13,357 00	7,533 82	783 61	10,070 99	1,110 53	140,000 00
18	Hickart County Bank.....	320,000 00	.....	304,512 37	.....	.....	40,851 25	665,363 02	
19	Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, Ind'pia.....	50,000 00	2,185 00	4,834 00	3,202 67	1,044 06	12,155 79	2,402 60	75,931 56
20	Fayette County Bank.....	87,512 50	124,784 07	20,000 00	11,283 19	2,868 30	15,187 94	.....	358 075 01
21	Farmers' Bank, Westfield.....	41,004 85	.....	.....	189,101 01	.....	10,000 00	277,885 86	
22	Gramercy Bank.....	102,500 00	122,742 95	10,317 00	.....	.....	12,403 98	247,923 23	
23	Great Western Bank.....	139,900 00	181,603 32	7,137 42	125,995 30	.....	30,558 90	485,929 04	
24	Governmen: Stock Bank.....	90,000 00	.....	.....	.....	19,000 00	.....	102,000 00	
25	Hoosier Bank.....	50,000 00	24,198 37	9,868 09	9,767 76	.....	7,624 13	4,608 92	106,063 48
26	Indiana Stock Bank, Laporte.....	100,150 00	59,346 91	23,989 71	48,587 62	2,450 00	13,119 75	2,053 29	241,102 61
27	Indiana Bank, Madison.....	89,986 67	183,325 11	40,757 00	42,122 01	10,030 42	8,037 62	.....	329,434 63
28	Kalamazoo Bank.....	50,000 00	41,100 00	.....	5,395 01	.....	6,028 51	.....	102,621 52
29	Laurel Bank.....	50,000 00	7,997 00	3,577 00	34,711 00	7,019 00	.....	102,298 50	102,298 50

30	New York Stock Bank.....	100,000 00	101,799 61	12,705 00	3,763 36	.....	19,763 77	7,078 33	237,711 13
31	North Western Bank.....	70,500 80	20,800 00	.....	45,000 00	1,050 00	10,000 00	.....	154,500 00
32	N. Y. and Virginii Stock Bank.....	20,508 00	142,063 49	43,555 39	20,000 00	1,050 27	32,469 27	.....	446,658 15
33	Prairie City Bank.....	200,040 00	213,769 17	40,305 50	.....	7,577 33	27,240 41	10,549 15	500,604 56
34	Plymouth Bank.....	50,000 00	45,250 00	.....	.....	.....	6,300 00	.....	101,730 00
35	Perry County Bank.....	100,000 00	20,497 19	5,595 19	13,977 30	.....	9,386 55	.....	149,558 23
36	Public Stock Bank.....	102,000 00	103,499 06	7,427 98	.....	.....	15,720 34	10 76	268,637 08
37	Southern Bank of Indiana.....	172,000 00	215,590 63	30,319 13	21,793 30	1,140 60	20,407 20	18,002 23	492,942 69
38	State Stock Bank Indiana, Peru.....	200,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,325 75	.....	298,325 75
39	State Stock Bank, Jamestown.....	238,500 00	110,100 00	14,103 00	201,779 38	563 24	44,643 67	.....	209,029 87
40	Steuben County Bank.....	152,471 38	50,000 00	.....	100,000 00	.....	19,302 15	.....	391,773 51
41	Trader's Bank, Indianapolis.....	67,377 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,000 00	.....	78,377 69
42	Upper Wabash Bank.....	133,000 00	123,849 84	5,689 00	23,464 45	1,330 62	18,876 83	6,233 73	323,906 79
43	Wabash Valley Bank.....	200,597 00	202,921 21	24,204 00	70,714 42	370 00	27,078 29	13,719 63	599,624 52
44	Western Bank of Plymouth.....	100,000 00	6,640 00	.....	29,300 56	.....	10,059 44	.....	200,000 00
45	State Stock Bank, Marion.....	50,000 00	.....	700 00	50,000 00	.....	6,581 33	.....	107,341 35
46	Bank of Rochester.....	170,000 00	8,303 78	3,651 00	8,743 00	.....	20,514 08	10,778 38	223,053 10
Grand Total.....		\$6,143,837 55	\$3,800,468 00	\$638,121 35	\$1,829,715 68	\$52,750 01	\$507,393 08	\$118,278 51	\$12,737,449 24

## STATEMENT NO. 26.

Showing an Abstract of the State Tax assessed upon the Stocks deposited by the Indiana Free Banks, in the office of State Auditor, on the 1st day of January, 1854.

Number	Names of Banks.	Where located.	Amount of State Stock deposited with Auditor.	State Tax at 1 1/2 per cent. on the \$100.
1	Bank of Connerville	Connerville	\$692,185	\$1,047.28
2	State Stock Bank Indiana	P. O.	185,301	27.85
3	Government Stock Bank	Lafayette	50,000	7.50
4	Merchants' Bank	La Grange	50,000	7.50
5	Gramercy Bank	Lafayette	82,300	12.35
6	Prairie City Bank	Terre Haute	200,000	30.00
7	Southern Bank Indiana	Terre Haute	128,000	19.20
8	Great Western Bank	Terre Haute	72,000	10.80
9	Wabash Valley Bank	Terre Haute	107,000	16.05
10	State Stock Bank	Lafayette	212,000	31.80
11	Northern Indiana Bank	Lafayette	42,000	6.30
12	Indiana Stock Bank	Lafayette	85,156	12.77
13	Plymouth Bank	Plymouth	50,000	7.50
14	Western Bank	Plymouth	100,000	15.00
15	Drover's Bank	Rome	50,000	7.50
16	Public Stock Bank	Newport	100,000	15.00
17	Bank North America	Newport	80,000	12.00
18	State Stock Security Bank	Newport	74,000	11.10
19	Trader's Bank	Indianapolis	100,000	15.00
20	Canal Bank	Evanston	50,000	7.50
21	Fayette County Bank	Connersville	50,000	7.50
22	New York Stock Bank	Vincennes	100,000	15.00
23	Bank of Indiana	Michigan City	50,000	7.50
24	Kentucky County Bank	Goshen	114,000	17.10
25	Steuben County Bank	Angeola	50,000	7.50
26	Crescent City Bank	Kosciusko	75,000	11.25
27	Indiana Bank	Madison	51,150	7.67
28	Central Bank	Indianapolis	140,000	21.00
29	Bank of Albany	New Albany	62,834	9.38
30	State Stock Bank	Jamestown	58,000	8.75
31	Bank Covington	Covington	55,000	8.25
32	Bank of Rochester	Rochester	20,000	3.00
33	N. Y. and Virginia State Stock Bank	Evanston	50,000	7.50
	Totals		\$1,369,086	\$5,064.62

Note.—The above stocks are also subject to, and will be assessed with School, Sinking Fund, County, Road, and other Corporation Taxes.

## STATEMENT No. 27.

Showing the name, location, nominal capital, amount of securities deposited with State Auditor, and amount of Bank Notes issued and cancelled, of the Indiana Free Banks, up to December 15, A. D. 1854.

Names of Banks.	Where located.	Nominal Capital.	Amount of securities deposited with State Auditor.	Bank Notes prepared and delivered to Banks	Notes returned and cancelled.
Atlantic Bank	Jackson	\$300,000.00	\$28,659.00	\$19,608.00	\$4,000.00
Bank of Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	300,000.00	125,000.00	196,000.00	54,010.00
Bank of Attica	Attica	300,000.00	108,800.00	144,402.00	36,190.00
Bank of North America	Newport	500,000.00	60,000.00	64,610.00	4,610.00
Bank of Bringepart	Bridgeport	1,000,000.00	10,000.00	23,998.00	5,000.00
Bank of Connerville	Connerville	500,000.00	370,500.00	834,284.00	494,350.00
Bank of Rensselaer	Rensselaer	500,000.00	66,500.00	114,000.00	18,900.00
Bank of T. Wadsworth	Rome	300,000.00	5,000.00	49,998.00	4,000.00
Bank of Rockport	Newport	500,000.00	6,000.00	50,000.00	4,000.00
Bank of South Bend	Rockport	350,000.00	73,010.00	100,000.00	27,000.00
Bank of Perryaville	South Bend	300,000.00	10,000.00	9,998.00	1,000.00
Bank of Albion	Perryaville	50,000.00	39,320.00	41,290.00	1,900.00
Bank of Indiana	Albion	50,000.00	58,000.00	48,000.00	42,064.00
Brookville Bank	Michigan City	100,000.00	53,000.00	52,064.00	8,107.00
Bank of Syracuse	Brookville	210,000.00	67,100.00	48,000.00	.....
Bank of America	Syracuse	500,000.00	50,000.00	40,098.00	.....
Bank of Elkhart	Morristown	30,000.00	30,500.00	30,498.00	17,729.00
Bank of Rockville	Elkhart	300,000.00	56,000.00	50,000.00	17,913.00
Bank of Goshen	Rockville	400,000.00	63,000.00	97,414.00	0,008.00
Bank of Mt. Vernon	Goshen	400,000.00	79,500.00	9,998.00	0.000.00
Bank of Auburn	Mt. Vernon	500,000.00	74,000.00	99,998.00	63,490.00
Bank of Salina	Auburn	250,000.00	500,000.00	10,800.00	5,000.00
Indiana Bank	Salina	250,000.00	250,000.00	86,073.00	40,061.00
New Albany	Indiana	250,000.00	250,000.00	46,306.00	38,000.00
Waraw	New Albany	250,000.00	250,000.00	134,699.00	10,000.00
Covington	Waraw	250,000.00	114,010.00	170,061.00	20,000.00
Hochester	Covington	100,000.00	126,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00
Canal Bank	Hochester	100,000.00	100,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00
Crescent City Bank	Evanston	250,000.00	250,000.00	.....	.....

