

BANK INVESTIGATION.

[THIRD CIRCUIT.]

To His Excellency STEVENS T. MASON, Governor of the State of Michigan.

Sir—I have the honor to transmit you the annexed schedule, showing, in part, the condition of such banks as I have examined in the third circuit. A further report, showing more fully the resources and liabilities of all the banks in the State, under the supervision of the Commissioners, will be made by the board, so soon as all the necessary facts can be obtained. Sufficient developements of bank frauds have already been published, to put the people on their guard against further imposition and loss, until sufficient time and opportunity have been afforded to form a just estimation of the real merits of each institution. The resumption of specie payment on the 16th of May, the action of some of the grand juries, and the faithful continuation of the probing process by the Commissioners, will, it is confidently believed, do much within the next few weeks towards restoring a sounder and safer currency, and protecting in future the honest part of the community against the evils they now suffer. The time of excessive and fraudulent banking in this State, at least, is nearly over. The public have been cloyed and disgusted, and many good men ruined, by a worse than worthless paper currency. Bankrupts will no longer be permitted to turn bankers. There is a redeeming spirit in the virtue, intelligence and energy of the people, and the conductors of the press, upon which the Bank Commissioners confidently rely for support in the performance of the arduous and responsible task they have undertaken. The most they can do, on account of their so recently coming into office, will be to ferret out and expose bank frauds and violations of law, and to endeavor to sustain all lawful and honest institutions by all the means in their power. Previous to the late amendments to the general banking law, several new banks had been projected, and their plates ordered. Some of these, I have understood, intend going into immediate operation, so soon as their plates are received, without a compliance with the law, or procuring the endorsement of a Commissioner. Among the rest, is the Bank of White Pigeon, which has been so much in want of money as to have already commenced

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a Commissioner. Among the rest, is the Bank of White Pigeon, which has been so much in want of money as to have already commenced the issue of one dollar bank bills, on common paper, in true shinplaster form. Their necessities have probably ere this, been inquired into by the grand jury of St. Joseph county. The earliest opportunity will be taken to inform the public of any *new* bank going into operation contrary to law, and to have the *bankers* arrested. The Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of St. Joseph, at Centerville, was not considered by the Attorney General as being sufficiently lawful as a corporation, to justify proceeding by an injunction against it; but criminal proceedings will no doubt be commenced against those concerned, if their bills be not redeemed.

It has not been in my power to visit the banks of Grand River and Singapore; but I believe the former entitled to confidence. The latter went into operation unlawfully, has made no report, and *given no security*, and should henceforth be considered as an *unlawful* institution, and without any right to banking privileges. Their circulation is believed to be about \$10,000, which, from the character and ability of those who have received the benefit, will probably be redeemed without loss to the bill holder. Whether it is necessary to adopt further measures, either by criminal or chancery process, will depend upon further information.

Most of the banks in this circuit have completed their securities, and the remainder have nearly perfected their's, with the exception of the banks of Homer and Berrien County, which are not yet received, though I have assurances and explanations, that are satisfactory for the present, that they have been making every exertion to comply with the law.

On the 22d of March, I found the Calhoun County Bank in a very unsatisfactory condition. A majority of the stock had passed into the hands of men in whose honesty, as bankers, I had no confidence. A large portion of their specie and notes had been taken out without the knowledge and consent of the directors, and without any satisfactory vouchers, and under circumstances that left no doubt of some fraudulent design. The directors, who are honorable and high-minded men, gave strong assurance that every effort should be made to rectify what had been done, but as yet no satisfactory information has been received that all is right; I must, therefore, report it, as I found it,

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tory information has been received that all is right; I must, therefore, report it, as I found it, *a just object of suspicion!* until further notice to the public of its solvency. I deem it proper to report to your excellency that much of the evils now felt from the depreciated and uncertain state of our currency, has been occasioned by the very injudicious and unfortunate agency of some two or three of the chartered banks, in the shape of *false and deceptive certificates of specie deposits*, which have been received and counted as *cash on hand* by public officers in the organization of banks; and which have afterwards been reported by some of the cashiers, *under oath*, as *cash on hand*, and which amounts to moral if not legal *perjury*, in many instances. Those certificates have been made to considerable extent the *basis* of paper issues equally *deceptive and worthless*, and which has been received and used by those banks, and paid out by them as good money to the honest and unsuspecting part of the community, and from whom they afterwards refused to take it back, knowing its true character, leaving it upon their hands, in many instances, as a *total loss*. With a knowledge of these facts, the commissioners cannot, *at this time*, and without *further investigation*, undertake to draw the line of distinction between the honest and dishonest institutions, or between those that are solvent and insolvent.

I have no doubt whatever of the entire solvency of every new bank in the state that has taken the law as a guide in its organization and management. Such only are to be feared as have not complied with its requisitions. A war among any of the banks, except against such as are notoriously fraudulent and dangerous, would at this time be attended with very disastrous consequences to all classes of the community. It is believed that the interest and prosperity of the people are closely identified with that of the honest and well regulated banks, and that in times of pecuniary embarrassment and distress, it is their true policy and for their mutual benefit to sustain each other by all the means in their power. A *crisis* is fast approaching, that will require their mutual confidence, support and energy to prevent a general crash, that might destroy the hopes and blast the fair prospects of thousands of our most worthy and enterprising fellow citizens. Political and personal animosities, bank jealousies and party schemes, if indulged in, can have no other effect than to increase the public distress; nor should

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I am confident that several of the banks named in the annexed schedule, have curtailed their circulation, and in some cases increased their amount of specie, since the examinations were made, and that before the 16th of May, every fraudulent institution in the state will be detected and exposed.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS FITZGERALD,

Bank Commissioner.

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Statement of the condition in part of the Banks in the Third Judicial Circuit.

NAME OF BANK.	Whole am't of capital.	Amount paid in.	Amount of circulation.	Specie on hand.	Bills of other banks.	When examined
Bank of Constantine,	\$250000	\$27025	\$29430	\$15465 49	\$9821 50	March 6, 1838.
Bank of Marshall,	100000	not known.	59966	*4913 18	10396 00	" 22, "
Bank of Homer,	100000	39785	42944	10174 16	12124 00	" 21, "
Bank of Coldwater,	100000	not known.	†85827	9704 32	1783 00	" 5, "
Commercial Bank of Michigan,	50000	15000	11077	12303 85	1295 00	" 9, "
Bank of Niles,	100000	30000	37632	17339 00	5836 00	Feb. 28, "
Berrien County Bank,	50000	15000	18118	9740 47	5097 00	March 2, "
St. Joseph County Bank,	100000	not known.	18095	†1038 50	734 00	" 6, "
Calhoun County Bank,	250000	not known.	77747	4692 21	5124 00	" 22, "
Bank of Allegan,	100000	not known.	38587	1617 97	1371 00	" 26, "
Branch Bank of Michigan,		50000	41400	2700 17	1453 00	" 31, "
Bank of Battle Creek,	100000	30000	20013	5189 14	1154 00	" 24, "
F. & M. Bank of St. Joseph at Centerville,	50000	not known.	19860	none.	1113 00	" 3, "

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**Statement of the Farmers' Bank of Homer,
 April 9, 1838.**

Resources.

Bills discounted,	\$88,672 81
Expenses,	1,462 64
Due from banks,	789 37
" Detroit banks,	4,410 92
Real estate,	549 00
In collection,	350 00
Safety Fund,	188 92
Domestic Exchange,	1,052 72
Bills in chartered banks,	10,125 00
" Safety fund,	2,492 00
Specie,	12,683 97
	\$121,240,29

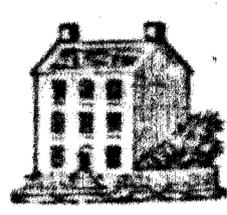
Liabilities.

Capital Stock,	\$39,785 00
Due to banks,	10,371 83
Discounts,	2,134 50
Profit and loss,	285 77
Bills in transitu,	16,186 00
Circulation,	39,802 00
Deposites,	12,675 19
	\$121,240 29

The above is the last weekly statement, which the cashier of this institution is in the habit of making weekly and recording in the books of the bank. The whole affairs of this institution are open to the inspection of the public, and from the manner in which the books are kept, its situation can be easily ascertained. The bank has recently, in pursuance of the provisions of the amended bank law, given real estate security. The directors are responsible, business men, such men as would naturally give a character to any institution. We have heard no complaints against the Homer Bank, and from the promptness with which it redeems its notes, it must maintain the high character which it now possesses.

The other safety fund banks of this county, to wit, the Bank of Marshall and Bank of Battle Creek have likewise given real estate security, and are equally entitled to the confidence of the community. The bill holder of the notes of any of these institutions is perfectly secure from any loss, and amid the general wreck we have no doubt these institutions will sustain themselves, and reflect honor upon the county of Calhoun.—*Calhoun County Patriot.*

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