TEXAS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Austin, January 5, 1853.

SIR: Your note of the 17th ultimo was received by the last mail. In reply, I have the honor to state that by the constitution of this State, banking is prohibited.

The only bank in the State is the "Commercial and Agricultural Bank" at Galveston. This owes its existence to an old charter granted by the government of the State of Coahuila and Texas, prior to the Texas revolution, on the 30th April 1835.

No attempt was made to bank under this charter until 1847 or 1848. The right to exercise such power has been denied by the State, and legal proceedings are now being instituted, with a view to abrogate the charter.

No report has ever been made by this bank, that I am aware of, so that I am unable to give you any information as to its condition.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOS. H. DUVAL,
Secretary of State.

Hon. THOMAS CORWIN,
Secretary of the Treasury, Washington City, D. C.

MISSISSIPPI.

Statement of the condition of the Northern Bank of Mississippi to near January 1, 1853.*

	Amount.
Capital	$132,726 98
Loans and discounts	160,746 19
Stocks	13,052 64
Real estate	10,070 87
Other investments	
Due by other banks	5,943 65
Notes of other banks	
Specie funds	
Specie	19,211 06
Circulation	49,925 00
Deposites	12,428 62
Due to other banks	2,721 75
Other liabilities	1,222 06

* Reported to the 16th November, 1852.