

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

TO EXAMINE

THE BANK OF VIRGINIA AND FARMERS' BANK OF VIRGINIA.

The joint committee of the senate and house of delegates, appointed to examine into the condition of the bank of Virginia and the farmers' bank of Virginia, have discharged the duties assigned them, and present to the consideration of the legislature the following report and statements, shewing the condition of these institutions on the first day of January, 1833.

From an examination of the statements presented from the bank of Virginia, it will be seen, that the outstanding debt of the bank is \$ 4,927,942; specie, \$ 476,599; debts due from other banks, bills of exchange, and loans to the James river company, and to the corporation of Richmond, making \$ 684,049, which constitute the means of the bank, and amount to \$ 6,088,580. From this sum, if the bad and doubtful debt be deducted, reported at \$ 146,749, you have the total funds of the bank, which may be considered as available, amounting to \$ 5,941,831, to which should be added \$ 50,281 for shares of its own stock held by the bank, making the total means amount to \$ 5,992,112.

The bank, on the other hand, owes for its capital stock, its notes in circulation, and for deposits, the sum of \$ 6,478,853; from which deduct the real estate held by the bank, estimated at cost, at \$ 339,990, and it will reduce the sum for which the bank is responsible, to \$ 6,138,863. The means of the bank being \$ 5,992,112, leaves a balance against the bank, of \$ 146,751.

In the report of the bank committee to the legislature, in 1830, the deficiency was stated at \$ 283,048. In 1831, it was in like manner stated at \$ 252,576; and in the last report for 1832, the deficiency was \$ 208,362, shewing an improvement in the condition of the bank of Virginia since 1830, amounting to \$ 136,297. We have not been able to investigate, beyond these periods, the exact annual deficit of the bank, no reports being generally made as to the condition of the bad and doubtful debts previous to 1830. The statement herewith submitted shews the exact condition of the outstanding debt contracted during the last year, making a total of \$ 2,097,007, of which \$ 18,000, contracted in the city of Richmond, is bad.

The profits of the bank of Virginia will be found to have been for the half year of 1830, 3.46 per cent., for 1831, nearly 8 per cent., and for 1832, 8.73½ per cent., exhibiting a progressive improvement in the nett profits of the institution.

From the statements herewith submitted, it will in like manner be found that the farmers' bank of Virginia has an outstanding debt of \$ 3,939,845, from which should be deducted the bad and doubtful debt, amounting to \$ 334,064, leaving a debt deemed good, of \$ 3,605,781; to which add for specie, \$ 396,086, foreign notes, \$ 138,709, and debts of other banks, \$ 398,261, surplus profits or contingent fund, \$ 105,015, bank stock owned by the bank, \$ 100,641, and profit thereon estimated at \$ 53,038, and you have the total available means of the bank, amounting to \$ 4,797,533. If to the above sum be added the real estate of the bank, estimated at costs, at \$ 249,362, you have an aggregate of means, amounting to \$ 5,046,895.

The bank owes for its capital stock, notes in circulation, and deposits, \$ 5,222,906; from which deduct the means of the bank, \$ 5,046,895, and you have the deficit of the bank \$ 176,011.

If you refer to the previous examinations of the farmers' bank, subjected to the same analysis, you will find the balance against the bank in 1831, stated at \$ 240,967; in 1832, \$ 206,537; and in 1833, as above, \$ 176,011, making the improvement in the institution since 1831, amount to \$ 64,956.

The nett profits of the bank will in like manner exhibit a gradual improvement. For 1830, the nett profits were 6.55 per cent., for 1831, 7.40 per cent., for 1832, 8.15 per cent.

In 1830, the circulation of the bank of Virginia and farmers' bank of Virginia, was \$ 3,072,649. It will be found at present to be \$ 4,136,507, making the increase in the circulation \$ 1,063,858.

When we reflect upon the small portion of bad debts that have been made by the bank during the two last years, under this increased circulation, it is deemed to be an evidence of an extended commerce, and that other means of a safe and profitable employment of capital had multiplied.

State of the Bank of Virginia, including its Branches, January 1st, 1833.

Debt outstanding:			Capital stock,	-	2,740,000 00
	Richmond,	1,647,198 05	Notes in circulation:		
	Norfolk,	634,144 97	Richmond,	727,665 00	
	Petersburg,	835,071 31	Norfolk,	164,980 00	
	Fredericksburg,	657,369 38	Petersburg,	326,585 00	
	Lynchburg,	657,004 39	Fredericksburg,	366,380 00	
	Danville,	331,836 50	Lynchburg,	413,495 00	
	Charleston,	165,318 32	Danville,	276,055 00	
		<u>4,927,942 92</u>	Charleston,	129,670 00	
				<u>2,404,830 00</u>	
Specie:	Richmond,	188,181 77	Deduct for notes on hand:		
	Norfolk,	35,846 17	Richmond,	126,600 00	
	Petersburg,	70,180 30	Norfolk,	00 00	
	Fredericksburg,	47,427 78	Petersburg,	125 00	
	Lynchburg,	41,122 00	Fredericksburg,	6,190 00	
	Danville,	68,038 50	Lynchburg,	13,820 00	
	Charleston,	25,802 84	Danville,	65,870 00	
		<u>476,599 36</u>	Charleston,	1,190 00	
				<u>213,795 00</u>	
Due from other banks:	Richmond,	160,494 02	Deposit money:		
	Norfolk,	27,377 67	Richmond,	1,112,540 46	
*27,225 40	Petersburg,	72,738 17	Norfolk,	113,124 34	
	Fredericksburg,	7,349 87	Petersburg,	80,222 96	
	Lynchburg,	32,039 60	Fredericksburg,	127,156 43	
	Danville,	53,434 47	Lynchburg,	77,216 43	
	Charleston,	353,433 80	Danville,	10,915 20	
		<u>326,208 40</u>	Charleston,	26,642 97	
				<u>1,547,818 79</u>	
				<u>2,191,035 00</u>	
Foreign bills of exchange:	Richmond,	170,136 37			
	Fredericksburg,	2,222 00			
		<u>172,358 37</u>			
Stock of the bank of Virginia,		50,281 12			
780 shares,		162,300 00			
Loans to James river company,		23,173 40			
Loans to corporation of Richmond,					
Real estate:	Richmond,	109,135 89			
	Norfolk,	82,195 63			
	Petersburg,	82,751 82			
	Fredericksburg,	31,501 38			
	Lynchburg,	34,405 50			
		<u>339,990 22</u>			
		<u>\$ 6,478,853 79</u>			<u>\$ 6,478,853 79</u>

Capital:		
	<i>Capital employed.</i>	<i>Nett annual profits.</i>
At Richmond,	1,000,000 00	11.73
Norfolk,	440,000 00	3.05
Petersburg,	450,000 00	7.61
Fredericksburg,	300,000 00	8.52
Lynchburg,	300,000 00	10.39
Danville,	150,000 00	10.44
Charleston,	100,000 00	2.07
	<u>\$ 2,740,000 00</u>	<u>8.73½</u>

Bad and doubtful debts, estimated last year at	-	-	-	-	-	366,400 00
Probable loss in the operations of 1832,	-	-	-	-	-	18,000 00
						<u>384,400 00</u>
Surplus profits on hand last year,	-	-	-	-	124,078 41	
" of the year 1832,	-	-	-	-	74,933 39	
Gain on 780 bank shares at the current price the last year,	-	-	-	-	33,958 88	
Enhanced value \$ 6 per share,	-	-	-	-	4,680 00	
						<u>237,650 68</u>
Balance of bad and doubtful debt to be provided for,	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$ 146,749 32</u>

The amount of the outstanding debt by the above statement, is

\$ 4,927 92

The part of this debt contracted during the year 1832, and directed to be reported to the legislature, is as follows:

At Richmond,	-	-	-	-	751,074 55
Norfolk,	-	-	-	-	104,000 00
Petersburg,	-	-	-	-	374,400 50
Fredericksburg,	-	-	-	-	214,054 06
Lynchburg,	-	-	-	-	355,913 00
Danville,	-	-	-	-	132,246 67
Charleston,	-	-	-	-	165,318 32
Making a total of	-	-	-	-	<u>\$ 2,097,007 10</u>

The whole of which is considered unquestionably good, except about \$ 18,000 contracted at Richmond, and included in the above statement of bad and doubtful debts.

State of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, including the Branches, 1st January, 1833.

			2,000,000 00
Debt outstanding:			
Richmond,	1,216,699 19		
Norfolk,	558,250 32		
Petersburg,	557,833 63		
Fredericksburg,	520,149 55		
Lynchburg,	604,700 94		
Winchester,	418,292 35		
Danville,	63,919 88		
	<u>3,939,845 86</u>		
Specie:			
Richmond,	224,700 85		
Norfolk,	20,546 74		
Petersburg,	38,188 40		
Fredericksburg,	46,478 44		
Lynchburg,	43,787 00		
Winchester,	21,672 24		
Danville,	712 34		
	<u>396,086 01</u>		
Foreign notes:			
Richmond,	42,775 75		
Norfolk,	24,000 97		
Petersburg,	9,630 00		
Fredericksburg,	26,570 00		
Lynchburg,	12,477 00		
Winchester,	20,131 06		
Danville,	3,075 00		
	<u>138,709 78</u>		
Due from other banks:			
Richmond,	296,819 95		
Norfolk,	34,396 29		
Petersburg,	57,814 34		
Fredericksburg,	4,647 35		
Lynchburg,	9 84		
Winchester,	3,600 44		
Danville,	973 42		
	<u>398,261 63</u>		
Bank stock:			
Richmond,	89,765 50		
Fredericksburg,	10,876 00		
	<u>100,641 50</u>		
Real estate:			
Richmond,	102,080 11		
Norfolk,	41,535 47		
Petersburg,	35,931 48		
Fredericksburg,	17,421 65		
Lynchburg,	27,903 24		
Winchester,	24,490 18		
	<u>249,362 13</u>		
	<u>\$ 5,222,906 91</u>		
Stock,			
Notes in circulation:			
Richmond,	568,371 00		
Norfolk,	110,155 00		
Petersburg,	265,397 00		
Fredericksburg,	272,580 00		
Lynchburg,	321,104 00		
Winchester,	194,070 00		
	<u>1,731,677 00</u>		
Deposit money:			
Richmond,	1,093,873 29		
Norfolk,	89,022 26		
Petersburg,	145,694 92		
Fredericksburg,	84,735 08		
Lynchburg,	68,378 84		
Winchester,	9,309 64		
Danville,	215 88		
	<u>1,491,229 91</u>		
Profits:			
Of Richmond,	12.57 per ct.		
Norfolk,	2.50 "		
Petersburg,	9.27 "		
Fredericksburg,	9.13 "		
Lynchburg,	10.82 "		
Winchester,	7.01 "		
Danville,	2.50 "		
Aggregate profits,	8.15 "		
			<u>\$ 5,222,906 91</u>

Statement of bad and doubtful debts due the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, on the 1st January, 1833, and also the contingent fund :

Last year the statement of these debts was as follows :				201,561 04
Bad debt,	-	-	-	155,231 26
Doubtful,	-	-	-	<u>8 356,792 30</u>
During the last year there is to be added to the bad debt as above, of				201,561 04
The sum of 17,668, ascertained to be bad,	-	-	-	<u>17,668 00</u>
				219,229 04
From this deduct extinguished by the contingent fund during the year,				<u>40,395 59</u>
Bad debt due 1st January, 1833,				178,833 45
Doubtful debt, due that date as above,	-	-	-	<u>155,231 26</u>
				334,064 71
From which deduct contingent fund, consisting of surpluses of former and the last years,				105,015 14
amounting now to	-	-	-	<u>53,038 50</u>
And profit on stock,	-	-	-	158,053 64
Total of bad and doubtful debt,				<u>8 176,011 07</u>
From which should be deducted whatever may be received from debts reported doubtful, and any gain by loss of notes in circulation.				

NORTH-WESTERN BANK OF VIRGINIA, }
December 11th, 1832. }

JOHN FLOYD, Esq. Governor of Virginia, Richmond.

SIR,

I transmit herewith the statements of this institution,

And am,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LIST, Cashier.

Statement of the North-Western Bank of Virginia, August 2d, 1832.

Bills discounted,	\$ 19,287 79 in suit,	} 352,122 32	Capital stock,	189,700 00
"	1,100 00 doubtful,		Bills in circulation,	155,200 00
Real estate,		2,820 00	Profit and loss,	1,836 22
Due by commonwealth of Virginia,		2,310 00	Discount received and premiums,	45,227 10
Due by other banks,		26,764 39	Due to other banks,	
Specie on hand,		38,645 00	Due to depositors, viz: A. Woods, president, on	
Foreign bills,		69,658 00	account stock,	29,910 00
			Individuals, 68,735 08	98,645 08
				<u>\$ 492,319 71</u>
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SEPTEMBER 27th, 1832.

Bills discounted,	\$ 19,287 79 in suit,	} 347,200 79	Capital stock,	194,500 00
"	1,100 00 doubtful,		Bills in circulation,	156,270 00
Real estate,		2,820 00	Profit and loss,	1,776 17
Due by commonwealth of Virginia,		2,310 00	Discount received and premiums,	4,153 23
Due by other banks,		6,413 91	Due to other banks,	51,981 52
Specie on hand,		38,735 00	Due to depositors, viz: A. Woods, president, on	
Foreign bills,		90,357 00	account stock,	29,910 00
			Individuals, 49,245 78	79,155 78
				<u>\$ 487,836 70</u>
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Statement of the North-Western Bank of Virginia, December 6th, 1832.

Capital stock, branch at Wellsburg,	50,000 00	Capital stock,	264,500 00
Bills discounted, \$ 19,287 79 in suit,	} 244,992 32	Bills in circulation,	135,535 00
" " 1,100 00 doubtful,		Profit and loss,	608 81
Real estate,	2,820 00	Discount received and premiums,	6,489 40
Due by commonwealth of Virginia,	2,310 00	Due to other banks,	30,146 29
Due by other banks,	15,496 70	Due to S. Jacob, cashier at Wellsburg,	390 49
Expense account,	450 00	Due to depositors,	53,137 03
Specie on hand,	36,088 00		
Foreign bills,	68,454 00		
Bank bills,	68,456		
Specie, 840 stolen.	69,296 00		
	<u>\$ 490,807 02</u>		<u>\$ 490,807 02</u>

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Ohio County, Virginia, ss.

Personally appeared before me, William Haskins, a justice of the peace for said county, John List, cashier of the North-western bank of Virginia, and made oath, that the statements herewith are just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Witness my hand, this 11th day of December, 1832.

WM. HASKINS.