

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 Farmers bank of Virginia, have performed that duty, and present to the consideration of the legislature the following report and statements, shewing the condition of those institutions on the first day of January, 1835.

From a statement furnished by the Virginia bank, herewith offered as part of this report and marked A, it will appear that the outstanding debt of that bank is, \$ 5,576,108 65, specie, \$ 586,834 48, notes of other banks, \$199,763 91, balances due from other banks, \$592,281 43, foreign bills of exchange, \$ 59,497 96, James river company 6 per cent. stock, \$100,000, subscription to James river and Kanawha company, \$ 5,000, which constitute the means of the bank, amounting to \$7,119,486 43.

On the other hand, the bank owes for its capital stock, \$2,740,000, notes in circulation, \$2,984,895, balance due the treasurer of the United States, \$ 32,409 03, variation between offices for checks drawn, \$ 68,687 81, discounts received, \$ 8,114 35, and for deposits, \$1,598,653 82, making the total liabilities of the bank, \$ 7,432,760 01. If from this last sum be deducted the amount of real estate held by the bank and estimated at cost, \$ 313,273 58, there remains, \$ 7,119,486 43, a sum equal to the means of the bank as stated above.

The surplus fund of the bank intended to meet losses from bad and doubtful debts, is \$ 404,582 80, and the amount of the bad and doubtful debts, \$ 377,402 20, leaving a surplus in favour of the bank, over the estimated bad and doubtful debts, of \$ 27,180 60, which sum may be applied to any future loss which may be sustained by the bank, or to any deficiency in its estimated means of meeting its liabilities. In the report of 1834, instead of a surplus, as in the present instance, there was a deficiency against the bank of \$ 61,008 65, and in 1833, that deficiency was stated at \$146,751 00.

The nett profits of the Bank of Virginia for the year, are \$ 9 56 per cent., which is less than the profits of the preceding year, which were \$ 11 64 per cent., but greater than the average profits for several years past. The large per cent. of \$ 11 64, was owing in part to the profits on the sale of bank stock. Statement B, shews the amount of debts contracted and unpaid during the last year, amounting to \$2,445,971 98, all which is believed to be good. This does not include the debts at Danville, there being no report from that office, except that the debts are good.

From statements herewith offered as part of this report, and marked C, D, E, F, it will be seen that the outstanding debts of the Farmers bank of Virginia, is \$ 4,013,140 63, specie, \$ 418,967 01, foreign notes, \$ 128,546 55, due from other banks, \$ 246,621 39, bank stock, \$ 23,715 50, which constitute the available means of the bank, amounting to \$ 4,830,990 99, from which must be deducted \$ 80,575 67, the amount of bad and doubtful debts unprovided for, per statement E, leaving the means of the bank \$ 4,750,415 32. The said bank owes for its capital stock \$ 2,000,000, notes in circulation, \$ 1,855,298, and deposits, \$ 1,212,248 78, making its total liabilities \$ 5,067,546 78. If from this sum be deducted the real estate held by the bank, (estimated at cost,) \$ 236,555 79, the liabilities will then be reduced to \$ 4,830,990 99; from which deduct \$ 4,750,415 32, the means of the bank, and there will remain a balance against the bank of \$ 80,575 67. This balance was stated in the report of 1834, at \$ 112,460 30, and in 1833, at 176,011 00, which shews that the same is decreasing annually, and will soon be extinguished.

Statement D, shews the nett profit of the past year to be \$ 7 91 per cent., less than \$ 9 07, the profits of the year preceding, but greater than the average profits of several years taken together.

Statement F, shews the amount of debts contracted and unpaid during the year 1834, to be \$ 1,677,782 58, all of which is believed to be good.

A.

State of the BANK OF VIRGINIA, including the Branches, January 1st, 1835.

Debt outstanding:		
Richmond,	2,134,686 64	
Norfolk,	588,698 87	
Petersburg,	889,612 05	
Fredericksburg,	626,046 13	
Lynchburg,	702,306 95	
Danville,	382,252 24	
Charleston,	252,505 77	
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Specie:		
Richmond,	235,912 90	
Norfolk,	53,286 48	
Petersburg,	60,506 80	
Fredericksburg,	65,702 88	
Lynchburg,	30,230 23	
Danville,	95,958 53	
Charleston,	45,236 66	
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Notes of other banks:		
Richmond,	47,500 00	
Norfolk,	37,455 00	
Petersburg,	24,095 00	
Fredericksburg,	27,940 00	
Lynchburg,	537 00	
Danville,	28,646 91	
Charleston,	33,590 00	
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Balances due from other banks:		
Richmond,	462,088 04	
Norfolk,	77,048 73	
Petersburg,	23,764 31	
Fredericksburg,	28,853 38	
Danville,	10,228 36	
Charleston,	17,853 32	
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Deduct due other banks:		
Lynchburg,	27,554 71	
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Foreign bills of exchange:		
Richmond,	32,459 56	
Petersburg,	27,038 40	
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James river company 6 per cent. stock,	100,000 00	
Subscription to James river and Kanawha company,	5,000 00	

Real estate:		
Richmond,	121,176 32	
Norfolk,	64,783 63	
Petersburg,	78,658 52	
Fredericksburg,	23,000 00	
Lynchburg,	25,655 11	
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\$ 7,432,760 01

Amount of surplus fund on hand,	404,582 80	
Amount of bad and doubtful debts reported last year,	384,400 00	
Deduct this sum, applied to extinguish bad debt,	6,997 80	
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Surplus over the estimated amount of bad and doubtful debt, 27,180 60

To which may be added whatever the bank may recover of the doubtful debt.

Capital stock at		
Richmond,	1,000,000 00	
Norfolk,	440,000 00	
Petersburg,	450,000 00	
Fredericksburg,	300,000 00	
Lynchburg,	300,000 00	
Danville,	150,000 00	
Charleston,	100,000 00	
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Notes in circulation:		
Richmond,	772,150 00	
Norfolk,	257,935 00	
Petersburg,	526,865 00	
Fredericksburg,	342,730 00	
Lynchburg,	479,685 00	
Danville,	396,835 00	
Charleston,	208,695 00	
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Balances due the treasurer United States:		
Richmond,	25,360 91	
Petersburg,	20,064 76	
Fredericksburg,	20 98	
Lynchburg,	83 21	
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Deduct due to		
Norfolk,	13,120 83	
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Variations between the offices for checks drawn in favour of individuals, 68,687 81

Discounts received at		
Norfolk,	1,058 43	
Petersburg,	1,337 96	
Fredericksburg,	1,857 18	
Lynchburg,	1,754 30	
Danville,	1,318 21	
Charleston,	788 27	
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Deposit money:		
Richmond,	1,096,269 57	
Norfolk,	154,024 00	
Petersburg,	128,546 31	
Fredericksburg,	105,134 05	
Lynchburg,	54,349 39	
Danville,	28,702 75	
Charleston,	31,627 75	
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\$ 7,432,760 01

	Nett Profits for the Year. Per Centage.	
At Richmond,	128,232 02	12 82
Norfolk,	12,538 26	2 84
Petersburg,	45,023 73	10 00
Fredericksburg,	19,285 08	6 42
Lynchburg,	29,078 78	9 89
Danville,	15,744 47	10 49
Charleston,	12,129 11	12 12
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	\$ 262,031 45	\$ 9 56

B.

Debts contracted and unpaid during the year 1834 :

Richmond,	-	-	-	1,059,943 85
Charleston,	-	-	-	267,643 78
Lynchburg,	-	-	-	331,750 00
Petersburg,	-	-	-	498,025 26
Norfolk,	-	-	-	120,266 13
Fredericksburg,	-	-	-	177,742 96

\$ 2,455,971 98, all of which is considered good.

NOTE.—The office at Danville has made no report of its debts under this head, but reports that all the debts of the office are perfectly good.

C.

State of the FARMERS BANK OF VIRGINIA, including the Branches, 1st January, 1835.

Debt outstanding :		Stock,	2,000,000 00
Richmond,	1,321,751 51	Notes in circulation :	
Norfolk,	609,509 32	Richmond,	585,728 00
Petersburg,	622,459 25	Norfolk,	132,975 00
Fredericksburg,	472,209 60	Petersburg,	353,930 00
Lynchburg,	571,093 99	Fredericksburg,	224,320 00
Winchester,	356,579 55	Lynchburg,	373,800 00
Danville,	59,537 41	Winchester,	184,545 00
	<u>4,013,140 63</u>		<u>1,855,298 00</u>
Specie :		Deposit money :	
Richmond,	202,967 80	Richmond,	898,880 05
Norfolk,	30,630 97	Norfolk,	82,570 82
Petersburg,	51,027 21	Petersburg,	83,163 21
Fredericksburg,	46,964 00	Fredericksburg,	67,883 72
Lynchburg,	39,902 00	Lynchburg,	69,863 29
Winchester,	46,767 35	Winchester,	9,705 49
Danville,	707 08	Danville,	182 20
	<u>418,967 01</u>		<u>1,212,248 78</u>
Foreign notes :			
Richmond,	45,376 42		
Norfolk,	27,301 12		
Petersburg,	2,710 00		
Fredericksburg,	6,895 00		
Lynchburg,	17,774 49		
Winchester,	26,384 52		
Danville,	2,105 00		
	<u>128,546 55</u>		
Due from other banks :			
Richmond,	212,314 06		
Norfolk,	15,191 07		
Petersburg,	30,392 74		
Fredericksburg,	15,458 47		
Lynchburg,	17,619 76		
Winchester,	16,430 68		
	<u>277,014 04</u>		
	30,392 74		
	<u>246,621 30</u>		
Bank stock :			
Richmond,	23,715 50		
Real estate :			
Richmond,	95,849 91		
Norfolk,	39,638 67		
Petersburg,	35,631 48		
Fredericksburg,	17,421 65		
Lynchburg,	23,523 90		
Winchester,	24,490 18		
	<u>236,555 79</u>		
	<u>\$ 5,067,546 78</u>		<u>\$ 5,067,546 78</u>

D.

State of the *FARMERS BANK OF VIRGINIA*, including the branches, 1st January, 1835.

Debt outstanding,	4,013,140 63	Stock,	2,000,000 00
Specie,	418,967 01	Notes in circulation,	1,855,298 00
Foreign notes,	128,546 55	Deposit money,	1,212,248 78
Due from other banks,	246,621 30		
Bank stock,	23,715 50		
Real estate,	230,555 79		
	<u>\$ 5,067,546 78</u>		<u>\$ 5,067,546 78</u>

Profits of Richmond,	\$ 11 70	per cent.
Norfolk,	2 86	"
Petersburg,	10 70	"
Fredericksburg,	10 06	"
Lynchburg,	9 45	"
Winchester,	4 77	"
Danville,	3 87	"
Aggregate profits,	7 91	"

E.

Statement of bad and doubtful debts due the *FARMERS BANK OF VIRGINIA*, on the first of January, 1835, and also of the Contingent Fund.

Bad debt 1st January, 1834, per report,	-	-	-	-	132,325 93
Doubtful do. do.	-	-	-	-	155,231 26
					<u>\$ 287,557 19</u>
Bad debt, as above,	-	-	-	132,325 93	
Add since,	-	-	-	600 00	
				<u>132,925 93</u>	
Extinguished during the year,	-	-	-	4,480 00	
Doubtful as above,	-	-	-	-	128,445 93
					<u>155,231 26</u>
					283,677 19
Contingent fund,	-	-	-	193,317 02	
Profit on 335 shares of stock at par,	-	-	-	9,784 50	
					<u>203,101 52</u>
Total bad and doubtful debts to provide for,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$ 80,575 67</u>

From which should be deducted whatever may be received from debts reported doubtful, and any gain by loss of notes in circulation.

F.

Amount of debts contracted at the Farmers Bank of Virginia and its Branches, during the year 1834, and which remained unpaid on the first of January, 1835.

Bank at Richmond,	-	-	-	-	587,760 68
Fredericksburg,	-	-	-	-	120,713 48
Petersburg,	-	-	-	-	377,789 66
Norfolk,	-	-	-	-	92,255 70
Winchester,	-	-	-	-	85,461 72
Lynchburg,	-	-	-	-	413,801 34
					<u>\$1,677,782 58</u>

The above is a statement from the mother bank and its branches. All these debts, from examinations made at the bank at Richmond, and from reports from its various offices, are believed to be good.

P. N. NICHOLAS, *President.*

January 13th, 1835.