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MECHANICS BANK AT NEWARK.

To His Excellency

WILLIAM PENNINGTON,

Governor of the State of New Jersey.

ANSWERS made by the President and Cashier of the Mechanics Bank at Newark, on the 4th of December, 1837, to certain interrogatories propounded in the 2d section of "An Act to provide for the investigation of the banks of this State, and for other purposes," passed by the Legislature of New Jersey, 11th November, 1837.

1. What is the amount of the capital stock of your bank actually paid in?

Ans. Five hundred thousand dollars, ($500,000.)

2. Is any, and if any, what amount of the capital stock of your bank is pledged as security for notes or other obligations, given in payment of any instalment or instalments on said stock?

Ans. None.

3. Is any, and if any, what amount of the capital stock of your bank is pledged as security for notes discounted, or held by your bank, otherwise than in the manner mentioned in the last inquiry, or for loans made by your bank?

Ans. Only four shares of the stock of this bank, amounting at par to two hundred dollars, ($200,) are pledged to the bank as *collateral security* for a note for one hundred and fifty dollars, ($150,) discounted.

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Ans. No other than that above mentioned is the property of this bank except so far as is provided in the 7th section of its charter, which is as follows, viz :

VII. *And be it enacted,* That no transfer of stock of the said corporation shall be valid and effectual, until any debt or debts which may be due to said company from the person transferring, shall have been fully discharged, and such transfer shall have been registered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose by the Directors.

5. What amount of specie, and of gold and silver bullion, had your bank on hand, and actually in your possession, and belonging to your bank, on the day of the suspension of specie payments by your bank? What amount on the first day of November, 1837, and what is the amount at this time ?

Ans. This bank suspended specie payments on the 12th day of May last ; its specie on hand at the time amounted to $17,-648 07; on the first day of November last to $16,491 42 ; and and at this time $20,967 19. (The increase of specie has arisen solely from deposites by our dealers.)

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6 Has your bank taken any measures to increase your stock of specie or bullion, beyond your usual amount preparatory to this investigation? And if so, to what amount?

Ans. None whatever.

7. Had your bank made any, and if any, what disposition of your specie or bullion, other than in the redemption of your

bills, and the payment of your indebtedness, since the period of the suspension of specie payments by your bank ?

Ans. None at any time, except in the redemption of its bills and in the ordinary transactions of business in making change at the counter.

8. What was the amount of the circulation of your bank at the period of the suspension of specie payments by your bank ? What amount on the first day of November, 1837 ?—And what is the amount at this time ?

Ans. The circulation of this bank on the 12th of May last, was thirty-five thousand four hundred and ninety-seven dollars ($35,497) Nov. 1, 1837, thirty-seven thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars, ($37,165,) and is this day, thirty-one thousand and sixty-two dollars, ($31,062.

8. What is the fair valuation of all your real estate, and in what does it consist ?

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Ans. The only real estate held by this bank is that occupied by it as their banking house, and residence of their cashier. This property was purchased in October, 1836, and cost twenty-two thousand dollars, ($22,000,) to which add for alterations and repairs since made, sixty-five hundred and fifty-nine dollars, thirty-three cents, ($6,559 33.) making a total of twenty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars. thirty-three cents, ($28,559 33.) As no sales of property have been made since the late depression in the business world, near that owned by the bank, it will be out of our power to state any other value than the foregoing.

10. What is the amount of balance due to your bank from other banks ? What good ? What doubtful ? And what bad ?

Ans. The amount of balance due to this bank from sundry other banks this day. all of which we consider good, is seventy-six thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars, and eleven cents, (76,386 11.)

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11. What is the amount of notes of other banks now held by, and the property of your bank? What good? What doubtful? And what bad?

Ans. The amount of bank notes and drafts of other banks now held by this bank, is fifteen thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars, and thirty-nine cents, [$15,136 39,] all of which we consider good.

12. What was the amount of notes, drafts, and bills of exchange discounted or held, and loans made by your bank, and the property of your bank, at the period of the suspension of

specie payments by your bank? What is the amount at this time? What good? What doubtful? And what bad?

Ans. The amount of loans made by this bank on notes, drafts, and bills of exchange, was on the 12th day of May last, $625,-632 59. The amount at this time is $522,893 75. This paper we believe to be all good, but to guard against a too sanguine opinion, we will state to be doubtful $5,000.

13. Is any, and if any, what amount of such notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or loans secured to the bank by mortgage or otherwise on real estate?

Ans. This bank holds one bond and mortgage for ten thousand dollars, [$10,000,] on property in the heart of this city, worth in any event a much greater amount, as *collateral security*, to cover the liabilities of an individual to the bank, independent of the drawers and endorsers of certain notes and drafts which of themselves are considered amply good.

14. What is the amount at a fair valuation of all other property of your bank, and in what does it consist?

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Ans. The only property owned by this bank, other than that before mentioned, consists in its plates, books, blanks, bank furniture, &c. necessary for the transaction of its business—estimated at two thousand dollars, [$2,000.]

15. What was the amount of surplus on hand of your bank at the period of the suspension of specie payments?

Ans. The amount of surplus funds on the 12th May last, was thirty-eight thousand, six hundred and forty-four dollars, and eighty-seven cents, [$38,644 87.]

16. What is the amount at this time?

Ans. The amount at this time is thirty-eight thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars, and five cents, [38,445 05.] This includes the balance of profit and loss account, and discount and interest, received to this date.

17. At what rate of per centum per annum was the last dividend made by your bank?

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18. What is the amount of dividends declared, and unpaid by your bank?

Ans. Amount of dividends remaining unpaid this day, is one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty cents. [$1,825 50.]

19. What is the amount of the balance of the profit and loss account of your bank?

Ans. The balance of profit and loss account of this bank, is thirty-one thousand three hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-two cents. [$31,319 92.

20. What is the amount of the current expenses of your bank since the period of the suspension of specie payments by your bank to this time?

Ans. Thirty-three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, [$33,83 34,] as nearly as can be ascertained.

21. What is the amount of discount and interest received by your bank during the same period?

Ans. Eighteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty-six cents. [$18,158 46.]

22. What is the amount due by your bank to public depositors?

Ans. Nothing.

23. What is the amount due by your bank to private depositors?

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Ans. Sixty-three thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars thirty-five cents. [$63,835 35.]

24. What is the amount due by your bank to other banks and companies?

Ans. Thirty thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars eighty-seven cents. [$30,294 87.]

25. What was the amount of post notes issued by your bank, and outstanding on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and when were they payable? What is the amount now; and when are they payable?

Ans. None out on the 1st November last, and none out now.

26. What is the amount of all other debts due and to become due by your bank?

Ans. The only debt due by this bank, except those heretofore stated, is a balance of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, [13,500] due on a bond and mortgage given on account of banking house and lot — one half payable on the first day of

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27. Are there any facts within your knowledge which may lead to a more full understanding of the real condition of your bank, besides such as are stated in answer to the foregoing inquiries, and if any, what are they?

Ans. No other facts are within the knowledge of the officers of this bank which can lead to a more full or perfect under-

standing of the condition of this bank, than those stated in the foregoing.

JOSEPH A. HALSEY, Pres't.
MATTHS. W. DAY, Cashier.

State of New Jersey, }
County of Essex. } ss.

Personally appeared before me, Daniel S. Moore, one of the justices of the peace in and for the said county, Joseph A. Halsey, President, and Matthias W. Day, Cashier of the Mechanics' Bank at Newark, who being severally sworn according to law, do depose and say, that the several answers above given to the foregoing interrogatories are true, and full, and perfect answers thereto, according to the best of their knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH A. HALSEY, President.
MATTHS. W. DAY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed this 19th day of Dec. 1837, at New-