

## BANKS IN MISSISSIPPI.

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*Report of the bank commissioners of the State of Mississippi, on the condition of the Brandon Bank.*

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Mississippi and Alabama Railroad Company, at Brandon, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted on the 2d July:

Whereas there is no authority in the charter of this bank, or under any law in this State, authorizing an examination of this institution by the bank commissioners; and whereas it is desirable that this institution should, in common with every banking institution in the State, be examined by the said commissioners, in order that the public may know the condition of the State currency: therefore

*Resolved*, That the president of this institution be, and he is hereby required to invite the commissioners appointed by authority of this State to examine this institution at such time as may suit their convenience.

Attest: **Z. P. WARDELL, Cashier.**

At a meeting of the directors of the Mississippi and Alabama Railroad Company, held at their banking-house in Brandon, August 4, 1838, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the bank commissioners be requested to publish forthwith a copy of their report in relation to the condition of this institution.

A true copy from the minutes.

**Z. P. WARDELL, Cashier.**

The undersigned, bank commissioners of the State of Mississippi, in accordance with the foregoing invitations, proceeded to the investigation of the affairs of the Mississippi and Alabama Railroad and Banking Company, and, agreeably to the request of the bank, would respectfully report: That the law creating the office of bank commissioners authorizes and requires them, "once in each year, to visit every bank, branch bank, and moneyed corporation, which, by its charter, is subject to examination by a committee of the Legislature, or such commissioners as they may appoint," &c. It is further made the duty of said commissioners, "by the 10th day of January in each year, to report to the acting Governor for the time being the manner they have discharged the duties imposed on them, and to accompany the report by abstracts from the reports made to them, and such other statements as they may deem useful." The letter of the charter of the Mississippi and Alabama Railroad and Banking Company makes no provision for the examination of the bank by the present commissioners, and the undersigned have concluded that the time and manner of making public the result of their examination are not governed by the law creating the office.

The following table will show a list of balances due to and from the bank:

*Statement of the assets*

Bills receivable -  
Domestic exchange -  
Suspended debt -  
Suspended debt in suit -

Stock mortgages -  
Due from banks -  
Cotton account -  
Advances on cotton received -  
Cotton agencies -  
Railroad expenditures -  
Real estate -  
Jackson and Brandon Railroad -  
Freight -  
Individual deposits -  
Notes of other banks -  
Specie -

To

Capital stock -  
Due to banks -  
Due to agents -  
Sterling exchange -  
Notes on demand -  
Post notes, 12 months -  
Deposit certificates -  
Checks on time -

To

Resources -  
Liabilities -

Balance in favor of the bank -  
Capital stock -  
Not including capital stock -

It is well known that, at the time this institution was one, that the order of the notes issued by the officers of other banking institutions. To ascertain the truth, a list of the bank, Messrs. Draper, Tap

\* The reason of individual deposits of individuals who delivered cotton would be the value of the cotton, the amounts of the sales of executions. The amount due

Statement of the amount due to and by the bank, July 27, 1838.

RESOURCES.	
Bills receivable	\$5,763,371 64
Domestic exchange	105,089 20
Suspended debt	\$354,659 09
Suspended debt in suit	28,588 81
Stock mortgages	353,247 90
Due from banks	913,700 00
Cotton account	576,934 88
Advances on cotton receipts	361,205 78
Cotton agencies	163,905 82
Railroad expenditures	84,443 62
Real estate	234,030 83
Jackson and Brandon Railroad and Banking Company	33,114 25
Freight	1,693 25
Individual deposits	117,423 77
Notes of other banks	90,990 90
Specie	275 00
	38,015 00
<b>Total amount of resources</b>	<b>8,867,441 84</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$2,085,260 00
Due to banks	368,617 08
Due to agents	1,419 08
Sterling exchange	1,138,776 90
Notes on demand	3,942,425 00
Post notes, 12 months	214,228 00
Deposit certificates	520,682 99
Checks on time	108,752 15
<b>Total amount of liabilities</b>	<b>8,410,253 20</b>

Resources	\$8,867,441 84
Liabilities	8,410,253 20
Balance in favor of the bank, including payment of capital stock	\$457,188 64
Not including capital stock	2,542,448 64

It is well known that, among the serious charges alleged against this institution, was one, that the officers of the bank did not keep a true record of the notes issued. This had become serious, from the fact that officers of other banking institutions gave credit to and repeated the charge. To ascertain the truth, a letter was addressed to the engravers of the bank, Messrs. Draper, Tappan, Longacre, & Co., of Philadelphia, request-

\* The reason of individual deposits being on the "wrong side of the ledger" is, many individuals who delivered cotton would not give notes when the amount received was less than the value of the cotton, the amounts thus appearing as overdrafts; also, checks of sheriffs on transfers of executions. The amount due individual depositors is \$37,000.

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ing a statement of all notes engraved. They declined giving the information without the consent of the bank, and at the same time advised the bank of the application, and their action upon it. The president immediately authorized and requested them to give the commissioners the information they demanded. The engravers' letter has not yet been received; but an examination of the blanks on hand and the register of issues, and the account of the engravers against the bank, proves conclusively that there was no just ground for the charge.

The bank has invested \$361,205.78 in cotton, at a little short of \$50 per bale, at an average weight of 423 lbs. per bale. The total amount of cotton purchased and shipped by the bank on account of planters and others, is 65,760 bales. The president says he has no doubt but 6,000 bales have been shipped from Mobile, of which they have not been advised. In addition to the above, they have on hand about 4,000 bales, which they were unable to ship in consequence of the low stage of the water in the Big Black and Pearl rivers. It will be fair to set down the amount shipped at 60,000 bales, leaving a balance on hand of 5,760.

As yet, no accounts of sale have been received; but the bank has been advised of the sale of 6,400 bales, which, at average rates, as appears by reference to the brokers' statement, was 7½d. per pound. Of the entire amount of cotton shipped, the bales averaged 423 lbs., which, at the above prices, would produce nearly \$50 per bale. Sixty thousand bales at that price, will make a gross sum of \$3,000,000 of available means by shipments of cotton.

The bank has drawn and sold sterling bills on this cotton to the amount of

Premium on the same	\$1,138,776 90
	106,518 59
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	1,245,295 49

These sums have been disposed of the following manner:

Sold to various banks	\$75,255 25
Used in taking up Northern issues	113,554 04
Used in do. by Bank U. S. to April 21	157,620 00
Checks protested before suspension	10,826 87
Freight	117,423 77
Engraver's and stationer's bills	3,737 30
Railroad expenditures	16,000 00
Sold for provisions for planters	33,381 79
Sold for United States Bank notes	75,000 00
Sold for Mississippi paper	215,087 48
Sold for counter issues	119,024 83
Sold to planters in part advance on cotton delivered	54,934 08
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	992,165 41

Balance to be drawn for \$253,130 08

If the cotton unsold in the hands of Messrs. Humphreys and Biddle, of Liverpool, should turn out as well as that of which advices have been received, (and the

prospect is favorable bills to the amount of Add premium, say 10 Add domestic exchange

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Besides the above, the be rendered available a

counties:

Rankin	-
Hinds	-
Madison	-
Yazoo	-
Copiah	-
Simpson	-

With this sum, the bank reduce its circulation from \$3,942,425 to

Add deposit certificates Individual deposits

Excess of immediate liability means

Besides this, the bank has payable at 12 months

Checks at 12 months

As no credit has been cutions, those amounts sold by the bank.

The bank established Yazoo, and Pearl rivers, cotton delivered. These discount, thus giving a loan to the Brandon Bank.

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(prospect is favorable,) the bank will be able to draw  
 bills to the amount of - - - - - \$1,861,223 10  
 Add premium, say 10 per cent. - - - - - 186,122 31  
 Add domestic exchange at 7 per cent. - - - - - 161,034 68

Total - - - - - 2,461,510 17

which will be available to the bank in Northern funds as  
 soon as the sales shall have been closed in Liverpool.

Besides the above, the bank holds executions, which can  
 be rendered available at ten days' notice, in the following  
 counties:

Rankin - - - - - \$109,920 96  
 Hinds - - - - - 248,404 39  
 Madison - - - - - 429,000 00  
 Yazoo - - - - - 306,069 38  
 Copiah - - - - - 23,183 29  
 Simpson - - - - - 16,175 30

Total - - - - - 1,232,753 32

Total - - - - - \$3,694,263 49

With this sum, the bank could, in 90 days,  
 reduce its circulation payable on demand

from \$3,942,425 to - - - - - \$248,161 51  
 Add deposit certificates - - - - - 520,682 99  
 Individual deposits - - - - - 37,000 00

Excess of immediate liabilities over imme-  
 diate means - - - - - 805,844 50

Besides this, the bank has issued post notes  
 payable at 12 months - - - - - \$244,320 00  
 Checks at 12 months - - - - - 108,752 15

353,072 15

\$1,158,916 65

As no credit has been given bills receivable by cotton proceeds or exe-  
 cutions, those amounts should be deducted, less the amount of cotton pur-  
 chased by the bank.

The bank established agencies at several points on the Mississippi,  
 Yazoo, and Pearl rivers, who were supplied with funds to advance upon  
 cotton delivered. These agencies exercised all the powers of a bank of  
 discount, thus giving a locomotive character or the principle of ubiquity  
 to the Brandon Bank.

By the minutes of the board of directors and letters of the president,  
 we observed repeated orders to Messrs. Minturn and York to pay the New  
 Orleans obligations of various Mississippi planters who had delivered  
 cotton to the bank, charging five per cent. exchange; also, orders to their  
 agents in Mississippi, who had purchased provisions with the exchange  
 and on account of the bank, to furnish those who had delivered cotton to  
 the bank with provisions for Brandon money at the same prices for which  
 they could buy with Louisiana money, at the same time prohibiting them

Q. 2.

Statement of the condition of the Brandon Bank, December 17, 1835.

Notes and bills discounted	\$3,843,216.60	
Notes and bills in suit	660,657.83	
Notes and bills payable in cotton	2,258,032.73	
Executions issued	340,109.00	
		\$6,102,016.16
Cotton account		450,192.96
Due from banks	549,206.31	
Stocks of the various banks	81,750.00	
Stock mortgages	1,486,000.00	
		2,116,956.31
Negroes for railroad	159,000.00	
Railroad expenditures	93,314.91	
		252,314.91
Real estate	51,723.25	
Bank expense	34,376.61	
Protest account	163.00	
Cash	139,659.26	
		225,921.12
		9,147,401.46
Capital stock	3,181,200.00	
Sterling bills	1,278,443.55	
Due to banks	211,498.75	
Deposites and certificates at sight	176,149.98	
Checks, certificates, and notes at 6 to 12 months	914,075.14	
Circulation payable on demand	2,763,485.00	
Profits	622,549.04	
		9,147,401.46

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At a meeting of the general and its branches, convened on Monday, the 9th day of the charter, and by order of the following preamble and Whereas it is the opinion of the several banks in the South and some preparatory arrangements view to the resumption of it is highly important to the should have early advice enable them to participate to effect so desirable an object Resolved, That the president open a correspondence with the several banks in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, on the subject of any contemplated to a resumption of specie, and communicate such information as he may, for the purpose of adoption, call a meeting of the same, as soon as practicable. Also, Ordered, That the president cause the same to be published, and cause the same to be printed. Copy from the minutes.