

claimed dividends or Stock of such Bank in such manner as the Inspector General shall from time to time direct. to be advertised.

XXXII. And for the better protection of the public in their dealings with Banks established under this Act, be it enacted, That each and every such Bank shall, on the day of each of the months of Statements to be sent in periodically by Banks under this Act.

and in each year, transmit to the Inspector General, in such form as that officer shall from time to time furnish for them to fill up, a full and clear statement of the assets and liabilities of the Bank on the day of the date thereof, shewing as clearly as the same can be shewn without mentioning individual names and accounts, the true state of the affairs of the Bank, and stating with reference to the sums due to the Bank, how the same are secured, what part thereof is due to the Bank by directors or general partners, or is secured by their being liable therefor by indorsement or in any other way, and what proportion thereof (if any) may be considered bad or doubtful; and such statement shall be attested by the oath, before some Justice of the Peace, of two persons, one being the Banker or one of the general partners, or the President, Vice-President or other functionary, for the time being, at the head of the Association, and the other the Cashier, Book-keeper or other chief officer of the Bank for the time being, having charge of the books, papers, money of the Bank, and the ministerial management of its business; each of whom shall swear distinctly that he has such quality or office as aforesaid, that he has had the means of verifying and has verified the statement aforesaid, and found it to be exact and true in every particular, that the property of the Bank has been set down at its true value to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that the allowance made for bad and doubtful claims is, as he verily believes, ample and fair; and such statement shall be published by the Inspector General in such manner as he shall think most conducive to the public good; and for any neglect to transmit such statement in due course of post, within . . . , after the day to which it is to be made up, the Bank shall incur a penalty of *per diem*, and if the same be not transmitted within

after the said day, or if it shall appear by the statement that the Bank is insolvent, the Inspector General may close the Bank, and proceedings shall then be had in all respects as when a Bank is closed for other causes: and if the Inspector General shall in any case suspect any such statement to be wilfully false, he may depute some competent person to examine the books and enquire into the affairs of the Bank, and to report to him on oath, and if by such report it shall appear that such statement was wilfully false or that the Bank is insolvent, or if the person so deputed shall report on oath that he has been refused such access to the Books or such information as would

Attestation of such statements.

Statements may be published.

Inspector General may cause Books of Bank to be inspected in certain cases.