extended on certain conditions.

not thereinbefore excepted, and authorized by Legislative enactment to issue Bank Notes, and it is expedient to extend the time allowed by the said proviso: Be it therefore enacted, that the said section shall not, until the first day of January, 1855, apply to any Bank or Com- 5 pany excepted from its operation by the said proviso. provided such Bank or Company shall reduce the amount of its Bank Notes not secured by the deposit of securities upon which registered Bank Notes may be issued under the said Act, in the following manner; that is to say, 10 before the first day of January, 1852, such amount shall be reduced to not exceeding three-fourths of the average circulation of such Bank during the year 1850; before the first day of January, 1853, such amount shall be reduced to not exceeding one half the said average circu- 15 lation; before the first day of January, 1854, such amount shall be reduced to not exceeding one-fourth of such average circulation; and before the first day of January 1855, such amount shall be reduced to nothing: but if any such Bank or Company shall fail to make any such 20 reduction as aforesaid, then upon such failure, the said section shall immediately apply to such Bank or Company which shall be liable to all the penalties imposed by the said Act for any contravention thereof.