

commissioners for taking affidavits in the court of King's Bench shall have power to administer oaths to all persons required to be examined by virtue of this act; and the pains and penalties of perjury, shall be inflicted upon persons forswearing themselves.

Sec. 7. The board are to keep an account of all notes presented to them for payment, for which they are to give certificates, cancelling the notes and keeping them until the affairs of the bank shall be fully adjusted.

Sec. 8. Is in the following words "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, if the said board shall find it necessary to appropriate the whole, or any part of the share or shares of the profit or stock found by them to belong to the said Benjamin Whitney, Smith Bartlet, or any other officer or director, or stockholder of the said pretended bank, they, the said Benjamin Whitney, Smith Bartlet, or other officer or director, or stockholder, or their respective executors or administrators, shall and may, severally and respectively have and maintain an action or actions at law, as for money had and received, the one against the other, his executors or administrators, for any loss sustained by the party bringing such action against the other, by whose fraud, defalcation, abstraction, or misapplication of the funds of the said bank, the board aforesaid may so find it necessary to make such appropriation.

Sec. 9. Provides that "the commissioners and all such commissioners as may be appointed under and by virtue of this act" shall furnish 'annual' accounts to the legislature on the first day of every session, till the final settlement and closure of the said affairs.

Sec. 10. Declares to be *fraudulent, void and of none effect*, "all sale, conveyance or transfer whatsoever, of the private property or estates of the said Benjamin Whitney, Smith Bartlet, John William Ferguson, Christopher Alexander Hagerman, Henry Murney, John McLean, Thomas Dalton, Archibald Richmond, John Cumming, Neil McLeod, or any or either of them, heretofore made in contemplation of the insolvency or failure of the said bank, or in contemplation of evading any remedies to be provided by law for the security of the public against losses by the said institution," and that, "no sale, conveyance, or transfer, hereafter to be made by the said" above named persons, "or any or either of them, of their respective property or estates, shall be good or valid in law, till the final adjustment of the said affairs of the said bank, except with the consent of the said commissioners" by instrument under their hands and seals.

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