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The statement thus made shall forthwith
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Sec. 48. And be it further enacted, That
no association shall, at any time, pay out
on loans or discounts, or in purchasing
drafts or bills of exchange, or in payment
of deposits, nor shall it in any other mode
put in circulation the notes of any bank or
banking association, which notes shall not,
at any such time, be receivable at par on
deposits, and in payment of debts by the
association so paying out or circulating
such notes; nor shall it knowingly pay
out or put in circulation any notes issued
by any bank or banking association which
at the time of such paying out or putting
in circulation is not redeeming its circulat-
ing notes in lawful money of the United
States.

Sec. 49. And be it further enacted, That
all trade of the notes, bonds, bills of
exchange, and other evidences of debt
owing to any association, or of deposits
to its credit; all assignment of mortgages,
sureties on real estate, or judgments or
decrees in its favor; all debts of money,
bullock, or other valuable thing for its use,
or for the use of any of its shareholders
or creditors; and all payments of
money to either made after the com-
mencement of an act of insolvency, or in contemplation
thereto, with a view to prevent the
application of its assets in the manner pre-
scribed by this act, or with a view to the
preference of one creditor to another, ex-
cept in the payment of its circulating notes,
shall be utterly null and void.

Sec. 50. And be it further enacted, That
if the directors of any association
shall knowingly violate, or knowingly per-
mit any of the officers, agents, or servants
of the association to violate any of the
provisions of this act, all the rights, privi-
leges, and franchises of the association de-
rived from this act shall be thereby for-
feited; such violation shall, however, be
determined and adjudged by a proper court
of record, or territorial court of the
United States, before the association shall
be declared dissolved; and in cases of such
violation every director who participated
in or assented to the same shall be held
liable in his personal and individual cap-
acity for all damages which the association,
its shareholders, or any other person
shall have sustained in consequence of such
violation.

Sec. 51. And be it further enacted, That
such acts, actions, and proceedings by
and against any association under this act
may be had in any circuit, district, or
territorial court of the United States held
within the district in which such association
may be established.

Sec. 52. And be it further enacted, That
it shall be the duty of the comptroller of
the currency to report annually to
Congress, at the commencement of its ses-
sion—

First. A statement of the affairs of every
banking association from whom re-
ports have been received the preceding
year, at the several dates to which such
reports refer, with an abstract of the whole
amount of banking capital returned by
them, of the whole amount of their debts
and liabilities, the amount of circulating
notes outstanding, and the total amount
of means and resources, specifying the
amount of specific held by them at the
times of their several returns, and such
other information in relation to said asso-
ciations as, in his judgment, may be use-
ful.

Second. A statement of the associations
whose business has been closed during the
year, with the amount of their circulation
reduced, and the amount outstanding.

Third. To suggest any amendment to
the laws relative to banking by which the
system may be improved, and the security
of the bill-holders and depositors may be
increased.

Fourth. To report the names and com-
pensation of the clerks employed by him,
and the whole amount of the expenses of
the banking department during the year;
and such report shall be made by or before
the first day of December of each year,
and the usual number of copies for
the use of the senate and house, and one
thousand copies for the use of the Depart-
ment, and in readiness for distribution on
the first meeting of Congress.

Sec. 53. And be it further enacted, That
any banking association or corpora-
tion lawfully in existence as a bank of cir-
culation on the first day of January,
A.D. Domini eighteen hundred and sixty,
organized in any State, either under
a special act of incorporation or a general
banking law, may, at any time within
five years after the passage of this act become
an association under the provisions of this
act; and that in such case the certificate of
association provided for by this act shall be
signed by the directors of such banking
association or corporation, and in addition
to the specifications required by this act,
shall specify that such directors are
authorized by the owners of two thirds of
the capital stock of such banking association
or corporation, to make such certificate
of association, and such certificate of
association shall thereafter have the same
effect, and the same proceedings shall be
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the beginning of every year, be trans-
mitted to the Comptroller of the Currency,
commencing on the first day of the quarter
after the organization of the association.

Sec. 54. And be it further enacted, That
the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby
authorized, whenever in his judgment
the public interest will be promoted there-
by, to employ any of such associations de-
aling business under this act as depositories
of the public money, except receipts from
customers.

Sec. 55. And be it further enacted, That
all suits and proceedings arising out of
the provisions of this act, in the United
States or its officers or agents shall
be conducted by the district attorneys of the several districts, under
the direction and supervision of the
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Sec. 56. And be it further enacted, That
every person who shall mutilate,
cut, deface, disfigure, or perforate with
holes, or shall unite or cement together,
or do any other thing to any bank bill,
draft, note, or other evidence of debt issued
by any such association, or shall cause
or procure the same to be done, with
intent to render such bank bill, draft, note,
or other evidence of debt unfit to be re-
issued by said association, shall upon con-
viction forfeit fifty dollars to the associa-
tion who shall be injured thereby, to be
recovered by action in any court having
jurisdiction.

Sec. 57. And be it further enacted, That
any person shall falsely make,
forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure
to be made, forged, or counterfeited, or
willingly aid or assist in falsely making,
forging, or counterfeiting any note in imitation
or purporting to be an imitation
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