

the debt and costs may be levied, by selling the property of the defendant for the sum or sums of money mentioned in the said bond, &c.—*ibid.*

§ 14.

14. And the clerk of the general court, and the clerks of the several county courts, are required to issue such execution or executions, which shall be made returnable to the court whose clerk shall issue the same, which shall first sit after the issuing thereof, and shall be as valid, and as effectual in law, as if the same had issued on judgment regularly obtained in the ordinary course of proceeding in the said court, and the same shall not be liable to be staid or delayed by any superedeas, writ of error, appeal, or injunction, from the chancellor; provided that before any execution shall issue, the president of the bank shall make an oath (or affirmation) ascertaining whether the whole or what part of the debt due to the bank on the said bond, &c. is due, which shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court from which the execution shall issue; and if the defendant shall dispute the whole, or any part of the said debt, on the return of the execution, the court before whom it is returned shall order an issue to be joined, and trial to be had the same court at which the return is made, and shall make such other proceedings that justice may be done in the speediest manner.—*ibid.*

15. If any person or persons shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any of the notes or checks of the said bank, or pay or tender in payment, or in any manner pass or offer to pass, such forged or counterfeited notes or checks, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, and shall thereof be convicted in any court of law within this state, he or they shall be adjudged a felon, and suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged him by said court, so as the same shall not extend to death, or more than seven years service.—*ibid.* § 15.

16. If any person or persons shall steal, or take by robbery, any of the notes of the said bank, it shall be deemed and construed to be felony, of the same nature and in the same degree as if the offender had stolen or taken by robbery, any other goods of like value with the money due on such bank note, and such offender shall suffer such punishment as he should or might have done if he had stolen, &c. other goods of the like value with the money due on such bank note.—*ibid.* § 16.

17. It shall be the duty of the president to publish, in at least three of the public newspapers of this state, annually, and for four successive weeks, until the whole payments on each share shall be completed, correct statements of the proportions of stock received by the said bank, up to the time of such statement.—*ibid.* § 17.

18. All and every stockholder, shall and may, at any and all times hereafter, pay up the several instalments remaining due on his, her or their share or shares, or any part thereof which he, she or they may think proper,