

by the bank, and the unconstitutionality of the statute of 1840, cannot be considered as overruling the principles stated in *Payne et al. vs. Baldwin et al.* 3 S. & M., especially with reference to the charter, materially different in its provisions from that involved in the decision of that case. Nor did the question arise or receive any consideration by the court in the case of *Grand Gulf Bank vs. Wood*, 12 S. & M. 482; *Same vs. Jeffers*, Ib. 486; *Ingraham vs. Grigg*, 13 Ib. 29.

It follows from these views of the case, that the decree is erroneous, and must be *reversed*, and *the bill dismissed*.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

COMMENTARIES ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES; with a Preliminary Review of the Constitutional History of the Colonies and States before the adoption of the Constitution. By JOSEPH STORX, LL. D., Dane Professor of Law in Harvard University. In two volumes. Third edition. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1858. pp. 735 and 758.

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A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE REVENUE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. By C. C. ANDREWS, Counsellor at Law; author of a "Digest of the Official Opinions of the Attorney General of the United States." Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1858. pp. 408.

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A DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA, contained in the eight volumes of Blackford, and the first seven volumes comprising the two of Carter's and five of Porter's, Indiana Reports. By SAMUEL E. PERKINS, one of the Judges of the Court, Indianapolis, Indiana. Indiana State Sentinel Co., Printers. 1858. pp. 869.

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