Emulation of obsolete Accounting Software

Data created with proprietary accounting software “Exact for DOS”.

Two versions of software available, but not sure which version of the software created the backup files.

Executables from both versions date from 1993 to 1996.

Not sure which DOS version to use, according to colleague who used the software it should run on DOS 5.x.
Exact for DOS example screen
Reasons we did not try to run the old software with current DOS versions or DOSBOX
- amounts in Dutch Guilders, using Euro now
- dates possibly not Y2K compliant
- software might use date definition on OS level?

What we want:
- export of data into textual format (eg. CSV)
- learn how to set up a simple emulation environment for these types of use cases
Data consists of 3 files:
BACKUP.DAT (51 kB)
BACKUP.ID (1 kB)
BACKUP.LST (6 kB)

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