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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to rectify 49 G. 3. c. 58. *Mistakes made in the Registry of their Rules;* and also an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, to explain and render more effectual the said recited Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-sixth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign; and also an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of His said late 49 G. 3. c. 125. Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the Thirty-third Year of His present Majesty, for the Encouragement and Relief of Friendly Societies;* and also an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year 59 G. 3. c. 128. of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the further Protection and Encouragement of Friendly Societies, and for preventing Frauds and Abuses therein;* and also so much of an Act passed in 6 G. 4. c. 74. in part repealed except as herein stated. the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to Conveyances and Transfers of Estates and Funds vested in Trustees who are Infants, Idiots, Lunatics, or Trustees of unsound Mind, or who cannot be compelled or refuse to act, and the Laws relating to Stocks and Securities belonging to Infants, Idiots, Lunatics, and Persons of unsound Mind,* as relates to Friendly Societies, for the better Security, or for the Application, Receipt, Payment, or Transfer of any of the Funds thereof; shall be and the same are hereby repealed, except so far as any of the said Acts repeal the Whole or any Part of any other Acts, and except as herein-after is excepted: Provided nevertheless, that such Repeal shall not invalidate or affect any thing which has been done before the passing of this Act in pursuance of any of the said Acts.

Any Number of Persons may form themselves into a Society, and raise a Fund for their mutual Benefit, and make Rules, &c.

II. And whereas certain Friendly Societies have been established in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for raising, by voluntary Subscription of the Members thereof, separate Funds for the mutual Relief and Maintenance of the said Members in Sickness, old Age, and Infirmity; and it is expedient to give Protection to such Societies and the Funds thereby established, and to afford Encouragement to other Persons to form the like Societies; be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Number of Persons in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to form themselves into and to establish a Society for the Purpose of raising from Time to Time, by Subscriptions of the several Members of every such Society, or by voluntary Contributions, or by Donations, a Stock or Fund for the mutual Relief and Maintenance of all and every the Members thereof, their Wives or Children, or other Relations, in Sickness, Infancy, advanced Age, Widowhood, or any other natural State or Contingency whereof the Occurrence is susceptible of Calculation by way of Average; and to and for the several Members of each Society from Time to Time to assemble together, and to make, ordain, and constitute such proper and wholesome Rules for the better Government and Guidance of the same as to the major Part of the Members of such Society so assembled together shall seem meet, so as such Rules shall not be repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, nor any of the express Provisions or Regulations of this Act; and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon the several Members of any such Society who shall offend against such Rules as shall be just and necessary for duly enforcing the same, to be respectively paid to such Uses, for the

Benefit of such Society, as such Society by such Rules shall direct; and also from Time to Time to alter and amend such Rules as Occasion shall require, or to annul and repeal the same, and to make new Rules in lieu thereof, under such Restrictions as are in this Act contained.

Power to alter and amend Rules.

III. And be it further enacted, That every such Society so to be established as aforesaid, before any of the Rules thereof shall be confirmed by the Justices in the Manner herein-after directed, shall, in or by One or more of the Rules to be confirmed by such Justices, declare all and every the Intents and Purposes for which such Society is intended to be established, and shall also in and by such Rules direct all and every the Uses and Purposes to which the Money which shall from Time to Time be subscribed, paid, or given to or for the Use or Benefit of such Society, or which shall arise therefrom, or in anywise shall belong to such Society, shall be appropriated and applied, and in what Shares and Proportions and under what Circumstances any Member of such Society, or other Person, shall or may become entitled to the same or any Part thereof; provided that the Application thereof shall not in anywise be repugnant to the Uses, Intents, and Purposes of such Society, or any of them, so to be declared as aforesaid; and all such Rules, during the Continuance of the same, shall be complied with and enforced; and the Monies so subscribed, paid, or given, or so arising, to or for the Use or Benefit of such Society, or belonging thereto, shall not be diverted or misapplied either by the Treasurer, Trustee, or any other Officer or Member of such Society entrusted therewith, under such Penalty or Forfeiture as such Society shall by any Rule impose and inflict for such Offence.

Societies, in their Rules, to declare the Purpose of their Establishment, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That a Transcript, fairly written on Paper or Parchment, of all such Rules, signed by Three Members, and countersigned by the Clerk or Secretary, with all convenient Speed after the same shall be made, altered, or amended, and so from Time to Time after every making, altering, or amending thereof, shall be submitted, in *England* and *Wales* and *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, to the Barrister at Law for the Time being appointed to certify the Rules of Saving Banks, and in *Scotland* to the Lord Advocate or any of his Deputies, and in *Ireland* to such Barrister as may be appointed by His Majesty's Attorney General in *Ireland*, for the Purpose of ascertaining whether the said Rules of such Society, or Alteration or Amendment thereof, are in conformity to Law and to the Provisions of this Act; and that the said Barrister or Advocate shall give a Certificate thereof, or point out in what Part or Parts they are repugnant thereto; and that the Fee payable to such Barrister or Advocate for perusing the Rules, or Alterations or Amendments of the Rules, of each respective Society, and giving such Certificate as aforesaid, shall not at any One Time exceed the Sum of One Guinea, which, together with the Expence of conveying the Rules to and from the said Barrister or Advocate, shall be defrayed by each Society respectively; and such Transcript, when certified by the said Barrister or Advocate, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County wherein such Society shall be formed, and by him laid before the

Rules of the Society to be submitted to a Barrister, or other Person, by whom they are to be certified;

and deposited with the Clerk of the Peace.

the Justices for such County at the General Quarter Sessions, or Adjournment thereof, next after the Time when such Transcript shall have been so certified and returned as aforesaid; and the Justices then and there present are hereby authorized and required to allow and confirm the same; and such Transcript shall be filed by such Clerk of the Peace with the Rolls of the Sessions of the Peace in his Custody; and a Certificate of the Enrolment thereof shall, within Fourteen Days after the End of the said Sessions or Adjournment thereof, be signed by such Clerk of the Peace on a Duplicate Copy to be provided by and returned to such Society, without Fee or Reward: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to require any Rules, Alterations or Amendments thereof, to be submitted to such Barrister or Advocate, if the same, when deposited with the Clerk of the Peace, are accompanied with an Affidavit of being a Copy of any of the Rules, Alterations, or Amendments of any other Society which shall have been already enrolled under the Provisions of this Act in the same County.

Rules, when certified, to be confirmed by Justices at Sessions, and a Duplicate certified by Clerk of the Peace.

When not necessary to submit Rules to Barrister.

Manner of Proceeding in case Barrister shall refuse to certify.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any such Barrister or Advocate shall refuse to certify all or any of the Rules so to be submitted for his Perusal and Examination, it shall then be lawful for any such Society to submit the same to the Court of Quarter Sessions, together with the Reasons assigned by the said Barrister or Advocate, in Writing, for any such Rejection or Disapproval of any One or more such Rules; and that the Justices at their said Quarter Sessions shall and may, if they think fit, confirm and allow the same, notwithstanding any such Rejection or Disapproval by any such Barrister or Advocate.

Rules not to be allowed unless the Justices are satisfied with the Tables.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Rules of any Society hereafter to be formed shall be allowed unless it shall appear to the Justices to whom the same are tendered that the Tables of the Payment to be made by the Members, and of the Benefits to be received by them, may be adopted with Safety to all Parties concerned.

No Society entitled to the Benefit of this Act, unless their Rules have been confirmed.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no such Society as aforesaid shall have the Benefit of this Act, unless all the Rules for the Management thereof shall be entered in a Book to be kept by an Officer of such Society appointed for that Purpose, and which Book shall be open at all seasonable Times for the Inspection of the Members of such Society, and unless all such Rules shall be fairly transcribed, and such Transcript deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County wherein such Society shall be established as aforesaid; but nevertheless nothing contained herein shall extend to prevent any Alteration in or Amendment of any such Rules so entered and deposited and filed as aforesaid, or repealing or annulling the same, or any of them, in the whole or in part, or making any new Rules for the Management of such Society, in such Manner as by the Rules of such Society shall from Time to Time be provided; but such new Rules, or such Alterations in or Amendments of former Rules, or any Order annulling or repealing any former Rules in the whole or in part, shall not be in force until the same respectively shall be entered in such Book as

aforesaid, and certified, when necessary, by such Barrister or Advocate as aforesaid, and until a Transcript thereof shall be deposited with such Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid, who shall file and certify the same as aforesaid; and that no such Rule, or Alteration in or Amendment of any former Rule, shall be binding or have any Force or Effect until the same shall have been confirmed by such Justices, and filed as aforesaid.

Rules, when entered and deposited, to be binding on Members and Depositors.

Copy of Transcript to be received in Evidence.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all Rules from Time to Time made and in force for the Management of such Society as aforesaid, and duly entered in such Book as aforesaid, and confirmed by the Justices as aforesaid, shall be binding on the several Members and Officers of such Society, and the several Contributors thereto, and their Representatives, all of whom shall be deemed and taken to have full Notice thereof by such Entry and Contribution as aforesaid; and the Entry of such Rules in such Book as aforesaid, or the Transcript thereof deposited with such Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid, or a true Copy of such Transcript, examined with the original and proved to be a true Copy, shall be received as Evidence of such Rules respectively in all Cases; and no Certiorari, Suspension, Advocation, Reduction, or other legal Process shall be brought or allowed to remove any such Rules into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record; and every Copy of any such Transcript deposited with any Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid shall be made without Fee or Reward, except the actual Expence of making such Copy.

No confirmed Rule to be altered but at a General Meeting of the Society, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Rule confirmed by the Justices of the Peace in manner aforesaid shall be altered, rescinded, or repealed, unless at a General Meeting of the Members of such Society as aforesaid, convened by public Notice, written or printed, signed by the Secretary or President or other principal Officer or Clerk of such Society, in pursuance of a Requisition for that Purpose by Seven or more of the Members of such Society, which said Requisition and Notice shall be publicly read at the Two usual Meetings of such Society to be held next before such General Meeting for the Purpose of such Alteration or Repeal, unless a Committee of such Members shall have been nominated for that Purpose at a General Meeting of the Members of such Society convened in manner aforesaid, in which Case such Committee shall have the like Power to make such Alterations or Repeal, and unless such Alterations or Repeal shall be made with the Concurrence and Approbation of Three Fourths of the Members of such Society then and there present, or by the like Proportion of such Committee as aforesaid, if any shall have been nominated for that Purpose.

Rules shall specify Place of Meeting and Duties of Officers.

Societies may alter Place of Meeting.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Rules of every Society formed under the Authority of this Act shall specify the Place or Places at which it is intended such Society shall hold its Meetings, and shall contain Provisions with respect to the Powers and Duties of the Members at large, and of such Committees or Officers as may be appointed for the Management of the Affairs of such Society: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for any such Society to alter their Place or Places of Meeting whenever they may consider

it necessary, upon giving Notice thereof in Writing to the Clerk of the Peace for the County within which such Society shall be held, the said Notice to be given within Seven Days before or after such Removal, and signed by the Secretary or other principal Officer, and also by Three or more of the Members of the said Society; and provided that the Place or Places at which such Society intend to hold their Meetings shall be situate within the County in which the Rules of the said Society are enrolled.

Society may appoint Officers.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every such Society shall and may from Time to Time, at any of their usual Meetings, or by their Committee, if any such shall be appointed for that Society, elect and appoint such Person into the Office of Steward, President, Warden, Treasurer, or Trustee of such Society, as they shall think proper, and also shall and may from Time to Time elect and appoint such Clerks and other Officers as shall be deemed necessary to carry into execution the Purposes of such Society, for such Space of Time and for such Purposes as shall be fixed and established by the Rules of such Society, and from Time to Time to elect and appoint others in the Room of those who shall vacate or die; and such Treasurer, Trustee, and all and every other Officer or other Person whatever who shall be appointed to any Office in anywise touching or concerning the Receipt, Management, or Expenditure of any Sum of Money collected for the Purpose of any such Society, before he, she, or they shall be admitted to take upon him, her, or them the Execution of any such Office or Trust, (if required so to do by the Rules of such Society to which such Officer shall belong,) shall become bound in a Bond, according to the Form prescribed in the Schedule to this Act annexed, with Two sufficient Sureties, for the just and faithful Execution of such Office or Trust, and for rendering a just and true Account according to the Rules of such Society, and in all Matters lawful to pay Obedience to the same, in such penal Sum of Money as by the major Part of such Society at any such Meeting as aforesaid shall be thought expedient, and to the Satisfaction of such Society; and that every such Bond to be given by or on the Behalf of such Treasurer or Trustee, or of any other Person appointed to any other Office or Trust, shall be given to the Clerk of the Peace of the County where such Society shall be established, for the Time being, without Fee or Reward; and in case of Forfeiture it shall be lawful to sue upon such Bond in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being, for the Use of the said Society, fully indemnifying and saving harmless such Clerk of the Peace from all Costs and Charges in respect of such Suit; provided that such Bond shall have in *Scotland* the same Force and Effect as a Bond in the Form in use in *Scotland* containing a Clause of Registration.

Securities to be given for Offices of Trust, if required.

Treasurer or Trustees to give Bond to the Clerk of the Peace.

Appointment of Committees.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every such Society shall and may from Time to Time elect and appoint any Number of the Members of such Society to be a Committee, the Number thereof to be declared in the Rules of every such Society, and shall and may delegate to such Committee all or any of the Powers given by this Act to be executed, who, being so delegated, shall continue to act as such Committee, for and during such Time as they shall be appointed,

for such Society, for general Purposes, the Powers of such Committee being first declared in and by the Rules of such Society, confirmed by the Justices of the Peace at their Sessions, and filed in the Manner herein-before directed; and in all Cases where a Committee shall be appointed for any particular Purpose, the Powers delegated to such Committee shall be reduced into Writing and entered into a Book by the Secretary or Clerk of such Society, and a Majority of the Members of such Committee shall at all Times be necessary to concur in any Act of such Committee; and such Committee shall, in all Things delegated to them, act for and in the Name of such Society; and all Acts and Orders of such Committee, under the Powers delegated to them, shall have the like Force and Effect as the Acts and Orders of such Society at any General Meeting thereof could or might have had in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, that the Transactions of such Committee shall be entered in a Book belonging to such Society, and shall be from Time to Time and at all Times subject and liable to the Review, Allowance, or Disallowance and Controul of such Society, in such Manner and Form as such Society shall by their General Rules, confirmed by the Justices and filed as aforesaid, have directed and appointed, or shall in like Manner direct and appoint.

Powers of Standing Committees to be declared in the Rules of the Society, and of particular ones entered in a Book.

Committee controllable by Society.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Treasurer or Trustee for the Time being of any such Society, and he, she, and they is and are hereby authorized and required, from Time to Time, by and with the Consent of such Society, to be had and testified in such Manner as shall be directed by the General Rules of such Society, to lay out or dispose of such Part of all such Sums of Money as shall at any Time be collected, given, or paid to and for the beneficial Ends, Intents, and Purposes of such Society, as the Exigencies of such Society shall not call for the immediate Application or Expenditure of, either on Real or Heritable Securities or Heritable Property, to be approved of as aforesaid, (such Securities to be taken in the Name of such Treasurer or Trustee for the Time being,) or to invest the same in the Public Stocks or Funds, Savings Banks, or Government Securities, or in any of the chartered Banks in *Scotland*, or in the Bank of the Commercial Banking Company of *Scotland*, and not otherwise, in the proper Name of such Treasurer or Trustee; and from Time to Time, with such Consent as aforesaid, to alter and transfer such Securities and Funds, and to make Sale thereof respectively; and that all the Dividends, Interests, and Proceeds which shall from Time to Time arise from the Monies so laid out or invested as aforesaid shall from Time to Time be brought to Account by such Treasurer or Trustee, and shall be applied to and for the Use of such Society, according to the Rules thereof.

Treasurer or Trustees to lay out Surplus of Contributions;

and to bring the Proceeds to account.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall have or receive any Part of the Monies, Effects, or Funds of or belonging to any such Society, or shall in any Manner have been or shall be entrusted with the Disposal, Management, or Custody thereof, or of any Securities, Books, Papers, or Property relating to the same, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall, upon Demand

Treasurers, &c. to render Accounts, and pay over Balances, &c.

Demand made, or Notice in Writing given or left at the last or usual Place of Residence of such Persons, in pursuance of any Order of such Society, or Committee to be appointed as aforesaid, for that Purpose, give in his or her Account at the usual Meeting of such Society, or to such Committee thereof as aforesaid, to be examined and allowed or disallowed by such Society or Committee thereof, and shall, on the like Demand or Notice, pay over all the Monies remaining in his or her Hands, and assign and transfer or deliver all Securities and Effects, Books, Papers, and Property, taken or standing in his or her Name as aforesaid, or being in his or her Hands or Custody, to the Treasurer or Trustee for the Time being, or to such other Person as such Society or Committee thereof shall appoint; and in case of any Neglect or Refusal to deliver such Account, or to pay over such Monies, or to assign, transfer, or deliver such Securities and Effects, Books, Papers, and Property, in manner aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for every such Society, in the Name of the Treasurer or Trustee or other principal Officer thereof, as the Case may be, to exhibit a Petition in the Court of Exchequer in *England* or *Ireland*, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or the Courts of Great Sessions in *Wales* respectively, who shall and may proceed thereupon in a summary Way, and make such Order therein, upon hearing all Parties concerned, as to such Court in their Discretion shall seem just, which Order shall be final and conclusive; and all Assignments, Sales, and Transfers made in pursuance of such Order shall be good and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

and in case of Neglect, Application may be made to the Court of Exchequer, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Person seised or possessed of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or other Property, or any Estate or Interest therein, as a Trustee of any such Society, shall be out of the Jurisdiction of or not amenable to the Process of the Court of Exchequer in *England* or *Ireland*, or the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or of the Court of Great Sessions in *Wales*, or shall be Idiot, Lunatic, or of unsound Mind, or it shall be unknown or uncertain whether he or she be living or dead, or such Person shall refuse to convey or otherwise assure such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Property, or Estate or Interest, to the Person duly nominated as Trustee of such Society in their Stead, either alone or together with any continuing Trustee, as Occasion shall require, then and in every or any such Case it shall be lawful for the Judges of the said Courts respectively to appoint such Person, as to such Court shall seem meet, on behalf and in the Name of the Person seised or possessed as aforesaid, to convey, surrender, release, assign, or otherwise assure the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Property, or Estate or Interest, to such Trustee so duly nominated as aforesaid; and every such Conveyance, Release, Surrender, Assignment, or Assurance shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if the Person being out of the Jurisdiction or not amenable to the Process of the said Courts, or not known to be alive, or having refused, or as if the Person being Idiot, Lunatic, or of unsound Mind, had been at the Time of the Execution thereof of sane Mind, Memory, and Understanding, and had by himself or herself executed the same.

Where Trustees, &c. are out of Jurisdiction of Court, or it be uncertain whether they are alive, or they refuse to convey, &c. Court of Exchequer may appoint a Person to convey.

XVI. And

When Trustees shall be absent, &c. Courts may order Stock to be transferred and Dividends paid.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as it shall happen that all and every Person in whose Name any Part of the several Stocks, Annuities, and Funds transferrable or which hereafter shall be made transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, is, are, or shall be standing as a Trustee of any such Society, shall be absent, out of the Jurisdiction or not amenable to the Process of the said Court of Exchequer in *England* or *Ireland*, or the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or the Courts of Great Session in *Wales*, or shall be a Bankrupt, Insolvent, or Lunatic, or it shall be uncertain or unknown whether such Trustee is living or dead, that then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Judges of the said Courts respectively to order and direct that the Accountant General, or the Secretary or Deputy Secretary, or other proper Officer for the Time being of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, do transfer in the Book of the said Company such Stock, Annuities, or Funds standing as aforesaid, to and into the Name of such Person as such Society may appoint, and also pay over to such Person as aforesaid the Dividends of such Stock, Annuities, or Funds; and when and as often as it shall happen that One or more only, and not all or both of such Trustees as aforesaid, shall be so absent, or not amenable to such Process as aforesaid, or a Bankrupt, Insolvent, or Lunatic, or it be uncertain or unknown whether any One or more of such Trustees is or are living or dead, that then, and in all and every such last-mentioned Case and Cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Judges of the said Courts respectively to order and direct that the other and others of such Trustees who shall be forthcoming and ready and qualified to act do transfer such Stock, Annuities, or Funds to and into the Name of such Person as aforesaid, and also that such forthcoming Trustee do also receive and pay over the Dividends of such Stock, Annuities, or Funds, as such Society shall direct; and that all such Transfers and Payments so made shall be and are hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any former Statute, Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

No Fee to be taken for any Proceeding in such Courts, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Reward, Emolument, or Gratuity whatsoever shall be demanded, taken, or received by any Officer or Minister of such Courts for any Matter or Thing done in such Courts in pursuance of this Act; and that upon the presenting of any such Petition it shall be lawful for the Judges of the said Courts respectively to assign Counsel learned in the Law, and to appoint a Clerk or Practitioner of such Court, to advise and carry on such Petition on the Behalf of such Society, who are hereby respectively required to do their Duties therein without Fee or Reward.

Who shall be named in the Orders of the Court for making Transfers.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which Orders shall be made by any of the Courts aforesaid for the Transfer of Stocks or Funds transferrable at the Bank of *England*, the Persons to be named in such Orders respectively for making such Transfers shall be the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, or Accountant General of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* for the Time being, or One of them, except in Cases where One or

more of the Trustees in whose Name such Stocks or Funds shall stand shall be ordered to transfer the same without the Concurrence of any other or others of such Trustees; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Act to be an Indemnity to the Bank.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be and is hereby declared to be a full and complete Indemnity and Discharge to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Officers and Servants, for all Acts and Things done or permitted to be done pursuant thereto, and that such Acts and Things shall not be questioned or impeached in any Court of Law or Equity to their Prejudice or Detriment.

Executors, &c. to pay Money due to Societies before any other Debts.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person appointed to any Office by any such Society, and being entrusted with or having in his or her Hands or Possession, by virtue of his or her said Office, any Monies or Effects belonging to such Society, or any Deeds or Securities relating to the same, shall die, or become a Bankrupt or Insolvent, his or her Executors or Administrators or Assignees, or other Persons having legal Right, shall, within Forty Days after Demand made by the Order of any such Society or Committee thereof, or the major Part of them assembled at any Meeting thereof, deliver over all Things belonging to such Society to such Person as such Society shall appoint, and shall pay, out of the Estates, Assets, or Effects of such Person, all Sums of Money remaining due which such Person received by virtue of his or her said Office, before any of his or her other Debts are paid or satisfied; and all such Assets, Estates, and Effects shall be bound to the Payment and Discharge thereof accordingly.

Effects of Societies to be vested in the Trustees or Treasurers for the Time being, who may bring and defend Actions, &c.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Real and Heritable Property, Monies, Goods, Chattels, and Effects whatever, and all Titles, Securities for Money, or other obligatory Instruments and Evidences or Muniments, and all other Effects whatever, and all Rights or Claims belonging to or had by such Society, shall be vested in the Treasurer or Trustee of such Society for the Time being, for the Use and Benefit of such Society and the respective Members thereof, their respective Executors or Administrators, according to their respective Claims and Interests; and after the Death or Removal of any Treasurer or Trustee shall vest in the succeeding Treasurer or Trustee, for the same Estate and Interest as the former Treasurer or Trustee had therein, and subject to the same Trusts, without any Assignment or Conveyance whatever, except the Transfer of Stocks and Securities in the Public Funds of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and also shall, for all Purposes of Action or Suit, as well Criminal as Civil, in Law or in Equity, in anywise touching or concerning the same, be deemed and taken to be, and shall in every such Proceeding (where necessary) be stated to be, the Property of the Person appointed to the Office of Treasurer or Trustee of such Society for the Time being, in his or her proper Name, without further Description; and such Person shall and he or she is hereby respectively authorized to bring or defend, or cause to be brought or defended, any Action, Suit, or Prosecution, Criminal

as well as Civil, in Law or in Equity, touching or concerning the Property, Right, or Claim aforesaid of or belonging to or had by such Society; provided such Person shall have been thereunto duly authorized by the Consent of the Majority of Members present at any Meeting of the Society or Committee thereof; and such Person so appointed shall and may, in all Cases concerning the Property, Right, or Claim aforesaid of such Society, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in his or her proper Name, as Treasurer or Trustee of such Society, without other Description; and no such Suit, Action, or Prosecution shall be discontinued or abate by the Death of such Person, or his or her Removal from the Office of Treasurer or Trustee, but the same shall and may be proceeded in by the succeeding Treasurer or Trustee in the proper Name of the Person commencing the same, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and such succeeding Treasurer or Trustee shall pay or receive like Costs as if the Action or Suit had been commenced in his or her Name, for the Benefit of or to be reimbursed from the Funds of such Society.

Limitation of Responsibility of Treasurers or Trustees.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Trustee, or any other Officer of any Society established under the Authority of this Act, shall not be liable to make good any Deficiency which may arise in the Funds of such Society, unless such Persons shall have respectively declared by Writing under their Hands, deposited and registered in like Manner with the Rules of such Society, that they are willing so to be answerable; and it shall be lawful for each of such Persons, or for such Persons collectively, to limit his, her, or their Responsibility to such Sum as shall be specified in any such Instrument or Writing: Provided always, that the said Treasurer, Trustee, and every other the Officer of any such Society, shall be and they are hereby declared to be personally responsible and liable for all Monies actually received by him, her, or them on account of or to and for the Use of the said Society.

Treasurer, &c. liable for Money actually received.

Payment to Persons appearing to be next of Kin declared valid.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Trustees of any Society established under this Act, at any Time after the Decease of any Member, have paid and divided any Sum of Money to or amongst any Person or Persons who shall at the Time of such Payment appear to such Trustees to be entitled to the Effects of any deceased intestate Member, the Payment of any such Sum or Sums of Money shall be valid and effectual with respect to any Demand of any other Person or Persons as next of Kin of such deceased intestate Member, or as the lawful Representative or Representatives of such Member, against the Funds of such Society, or against the Trustees thereof; but nevertheless such next of Kin or Representatives shall have Remedy for such Money so paid as aforesaid against the Person or Persons who shall have received the same.

For Payment of Sums not exceeding 20*l.* where Members die intestate.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Member of any Society shall die, who shall be entitled to any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, it shall be lawful for the Trustees or Treasurer of such Society, and they are hereby authorized and permitted, if such Trustees or Treasurer shall be satisfied that no Will was made and left

left by such deceased Member, and that no Letters of Administration or Confirmation will be taken out, of the Funds, Goods, and Chattels of such Depositor, to pay the same at any Time after the Decease of such Member according to the Rules and Regulations of the said Institution, and in the Event of there being no Rules and Regulations made in that Behalf, then the said Trustees or Treasurer are hereby authorized and permitted to pay and divide the same to and amongst the Person or Persons entitled to the Effects of the deceased Intestate, and that without Administration in *England* or *Ireland*, and without Confirmation in *Scotland*.

Justices may hear Cases of Fraud, and punish by Fine or Imprisonment.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That for the more effectually preventing Fraud and Imposition on the Funds of such Societies, if any Officer, Member, or any other Person being or representing himself or herself to be a Member of such Society, or the Nominee, Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of any Member of such Society, or any other Person whatever, shall in or by any false Representation or Imposition fraudulently obtain Possession of the Monies of such Society, or any Part thereof, or, having in his or her Possession any Sum of Money belonging to such Society, shall fraudulently withhold the same, and for which Offence no especial Provision is made in the Rules of such Society, it shall be lawful for any One Justice of the Peace residing within the County within which such Society shall be held, upon Complaint made on Oath or Affirmation by an Officer of such Society appointed for that Purpose, to summon such Person against whom such Complaint shall be made to appear at a Time and Place to be named in such Summons; and upon his or her Appearance, or, in default thereof, upon due Proof, upon Oath or Affirmation, of the Service of such Summons, it shall and may be lawful for any Two Justices residing within the County aforesaid to hear and determine the said Complaint according to the Rules of the said Society, confirmed as directed by this Act; and, upon due Proof of such Fraud, the said Justices shall convict the said Party, and award Double the Amount of the Money so fraudulently obtained or withheld to be paid to the Treasurer, to be applied by him to the Purposes of the Society so proved to have been imposed upon and defrauded, together with such Costs as shall be awarded by the said Justices, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Shillings; and in case such Person against whom such Complaint shall be made shall not pay the Sum of Money so awarded to the Person and at the Time specified in the said Order, such Justices are hereby required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Person on whom such Order shall have been made, or by other legal Proceeding, together with such Costs as shall be awarded by the said Justices, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Shillings, and also the Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale or other legal Proceeding, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner; and, in default of such Distress being found, the said Justices of the Peace shall commit such Person so proved to have offended to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for such a Period, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, as to them shall seem fit: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Society from proceeding by

Indictment or Complaint against the Party complained of; and provided also, that no Party shall be proceeded against by Indictment or Complaint, if a previous Conviction has been obtained for the same Offence under the Provisions of this Act.

Proceedings necessary for the Dissolution of any Society.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any such Society, by any Rule at any General Meeting, or otherwise, to dissolve or determine such Society, so long as the Intents or Purposes declared by such Society, or any of them, remain to be carried into effect, without obtaining the Votes of Consent of Five Sixths in Value of the then existing Members of such Society, to be ascertained in manner herein-after mentioned, and also the Consent of all Persons then receiving or then entitled to receive Relief from such Society, either on account of Sickness, Age, or Infirmity, to be testified under their Hands individually and respectively; and for the Purpose of ascertaining the Votes of such Five Sixths in Value, every Member shall be entitled to One Vote, and an additional Vote for every Five Years that he may have been a Member; provided also, that no One Member shall have more than Five Votes in the whole; and in all Cases of Dissolution, the intended Appropriation or Division of the Funds or other Property of such Society shall be fairly and distinctly stated in the proposed Plan of Dissolution, prior to such Consent being given; nor shall it be lawful for such Society by any Rule to direct the Division or Distribution of such Stock or Fund, or any Part thereof, to or amongst the several Members of such Society, other than for carrying into effect the general Intents and Purposes of such Society, declared by them, and confirmed by the Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, according to the Directions of this Act; but that all such Rules for the Dissolution or Determination of any such Society, without such Consent as aforesaid, or for the Distribution or Division of the Stock or Fund of such Society, contrary to the Rules which shall have been confirmed by the said Justices at their Sessions, and filed in pursuance of this Act, shall be void and of none Effect; and in the Event of such Division or Misappropriation of the Funds of such Society, without the Consent hereby declared to be requisite, the Trustee or other Officer or Person aiding or abetting therein shall be liable to the like Penalties as are herein-before provided for in Cases of Fraud.

Stock not divisible but for general Purposes of the Society.

Penalties for illegal Dissolution or Division of Funds.

Rules to be made directing how Disputes shall be settled.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That Provision shall be made by One or more of the Rules of every such Society, to be confirmed as required by this Act, specifying whether a Reference of every Matter in dispute between any such Society, or any Person acting under them, and any individual Member thereof, or Person claiming on account of any Member, shall be made to such of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace as may act in and for the County in which such Society may be formed, or to Arbitrators to be appointed in manner herein-after directed; and if the Matter so in dispute shall be referred to Arbitration, certain Arbitrators shall be named and elected at the first Meeting of such Society, or General Committee thereof, that shall be held after the Enrolment of its Rules, none of the said Arbitrators being beneficially interested, directly or

Appointment of Arbitrators.

 indirectly,

indirectly, in the Funds of the said Society, of whom a certain Number, not less than Three, shall be chosen by Ballot in each such Case of Dispute, the Number of the said Arbitrators and Mode of Ballot being determined by the Rules of each Society respectively, the Names of such Arbitrators shall be duly entered in the Book of the said Society in which the Rules are entered as aforesaid; and in case of the Death, or Refusal or Neglect of any or all of the said Arbitrators to act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Society, or General Committee thereof, and they are hereby required, at their next Meeting, to name and elect One or more Arbitrator or Arbitrators as aforesaid to act in the Place of the said Arbitrator or Arbitrators so dying, or refusing or neglecting to act as aforesaid; and whatever Award shall be made by the said Arbitrators, or the major Part of them, according to the true Purport and Meaning of the Rules of such Society, confirmed by the Justices according to the Directions of this Act, shall be in the Form to this Act annexed, and shall be binding and conclusive on all Parties, and shall be final, to all Intents and Purposes, without Appeal, or being subject to the Controul of One or more Justices of the Peace, and shall not be removed or removable into any Court of Law, or restrained or restrainable by the Injunction of any Court of Equity; and should either of the said Parties in dispute refuse or neglect to comply with or conform to the Decision of the said Arbitrators, or the major Part of them, it shall and may be lawful for any One Justice of the Peace residing within the County within which such Society shall be held, upon good and sufficient Proof being adduced before him of such Award having been made, and of the Refusal of the Party to comply therewith, upon Complaint made by or on behalf of the Party aggrieved, to summon the Person against whom such Complaint shall be made to appear at a Time and Place to be named in such Summons; and upon his or her Appearance, or in default thereof, upon due Proof, upon Oath, of the Service of such Summons, any Two Justices of the Peace may proceed to make such Order thereupon as to them may seem just; and if the Sum of Money so awarded, together with a Sum for Costs not exceeding the Sum of Ten Shillings, as to such Justices shall seem meet, shall not be immediately paid, then such Justices shall, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, cause such Sum and Costs as aforesaid to be levied by Distress or by Distress and Sale of the Monies, Goods, Chattels, Securities, and Effects belonging to the said Party or to the said Society, or other legal Proceeding, together with all further Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale or other legal Proceeding, returning the Overplus (if any) to the said Party, or to the said Society, or to One of the Treasurers or Trustees thereof; and in default of such Distress being found, or such other legal Proceeding being ineffectual, then to be levied by Distress and Sale of the proper Goods of the said Party, or of the Officer of the said Society, so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, by other legal Proceedings, together with such further Costs and Charges as aforesaid, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner: Provided always, that whatever Sums shall be paid by any such Officer, so levied on his or her Property or Goods in pursuance of the Award of Arbitrators or Order of any Justices,

Justices shall enforce Compliance with the Decision of Arbitrators.

shall be repaid, with all Damages accruing to him or her, by and out of the Monies belonging to such Society, or out of the first Monies which shall be thereafter received by such Society.

Reference of Disputes to Justices, if so directed by the Rules of the Society.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if by the Rules of any such Society it is directed that any Matter in dispute as aforesaid shall be decided by Justices of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for any such Justice, on Complaint being made to him of any Refusal or Neglect to comply with the Rules of such Society by any Member or Officer thereof, to summon the Person against whom such Complaint shall be made to appear at a Time and Place to be named in such Summons; and upon his or her Appearance, or in default thereof, upon due Proof, on Oath or Affirmation, of the Service of such Summons, it shall and may be lawful for any Two Justices to proceed to hear and determine the said Complaint according to the Rules of the said Society; and in case the said Justices shall adjudge any Sum of Money to be paid by such Person against whom such Complaint shall be made, and such Person shall not pay such Sum of Money to the Person and at the Time specified by such Justices, they shall proceed to enforce their Award in the Manner herein-before directed to be used in case of any Neglect to comply with the Decision of the Arbitrators appointed under the Authority of this Act.

Orders of Justices to be final.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Sentence, Order, and Adjudication of any Justices under this Act shall be final and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes, and shall not be subject to Appeal, and shall not be removed or removable into any Court of Law, or restrained or restrainable by the Injunction of any Court of Equity, and that no Suspension, Advocation, or Reduction shall be competent.

Funds may be subscribed into Savings Bank;

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Society established under the Authority of this Act from Time to Time to subscribe the Whole or any Part of the Funds of such Society into the Funds of any Institution which shall have taken the Benefit of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Saving Banks*, subject to the Provisions in the said last-recited Act contained relating to Friendly Societies.

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or into the Bank of England, on Receipts.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Society established under Authority of this Act to pay directly into the Bank of *England* any Sum of Money not being less than Fifty Pounds, to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, upon the Declaration of the Treasurers or Trustees of such Society, or any Two or more of them, that such Monies belong exclusively to the Society for which such Payment is intended to be made; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* are hereby required to receive all such Monies, and to place the same to the Account raised in the Names of the said Commissioners for the Time being in the Books of the Bank of *England*, denominated "The Fund for the Friendly Societies;" and in case any such Declaration shall not be true, then and in every such Case

Case the Sum so paid shall be forfeited to the said Commissioners; and all the Clauses and Provisions of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks*, with respect to the Accounts of Banks for Savings, and the Regulation of Receipts, Certificates, or Order concerning the same, shall be applicable to the Monies so paid into the Bank of *England* under the Authority of this Act, as if the same had been repeated herein: Provided nevertheless, that every Society formed and enrolled previous to the Twenty-eighth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, under the Provisions of an Act made and passed in the said Fifty-ninth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the further Protection and Encouragement of Friendly Societies, and for preventing Frauds and Abuses therein*, shall, on paying Money directly into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, be entitled to receive Receipts bearing Interest at the Rate of Three-pence *per Centum per Diem*, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Provided also, that no Friendly Society which already has invested or may hereafter invest any Money with the said Commissioners shall be entitled to re-deposit any Sum or Sums of Money with them, without the Consent of the said Commissioners, or on their Behalf by the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller General under the said Commissioners.

Societies enrolled under 59 G. 3. c. 128, prior to 28 July 1828, entitled to 3*d.* per Cent. per Diem.

Minors may be Members, and have legal Authority to act.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That a Minor may become a Member of any such Society, and shall be empowered to execute all Instruments, give all necessary Acquittances, and enjoy all the Privileges and be liable to all the Responsibilities appertaining to Members of matured Age, notwithstanding his or her Incapacity or Disability in Law to act for himself or herself: Provided always, that such Minor be admitted into such Society by and with the Consent of his or her Parents, Masters, or Guardians.

Societies shall make annual Audits and Statements of the Funds to the Members.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Rules of every such Society shall provide that the Treasurers, Trustees, Stewards, or other principal Officer thereof shall, Once in every Year at least, prepare or cause to be prepared a general Statement of the Funds and Effects of or belonging to such Society, specifying in whose Custody or Possession the said Funds or Effects shall be then remaining, together with an Account of all and every the various Sums of Money received and expended by or on account of the said Society since the Publication of the preceding periodical Statement; and every such periodical Statement shall be attested by Two or more Members of such Society appointed Auditors for that Purpose, and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or Clerk of such Society; and every Member shall be entitled to receive from the said Society a Copy of such periodical Statement, on Payment of such Sum as the Rules of such Society may require, not exceeding the Sum of Sixpence.

Returns to be made to the Clerks of the Peace at certain Periods.

XXXIV. And whereas it is desirable, for the better Security of such Societies, that correct Calculations of Tables of Payment and Allowances, dependent on the Duration of Sickness and the Probabi-

lities of Human Life, may be constructed for their Assistance: And whereas the present existing Data on these Subjects have been found imperfect and inefficient; be it therefore further enacted, That every such Society established or to be established under the Authority of this Act shall, within Three Months after the Expiration of the Month of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and so again within Three Months after the Expiration of every further Period of Five Years, transmit to the Clerk of the Peace for the County wherein such Society is held a Return of the Rate of Sickness and Mortality experienced by the said Society within the before-mentioned Period of Five Years, according to the Form prescribed in the Schedule appended to this Act, a Copy whereof shall be annexed to the Rules of each Society respectively.

Returns to be transmitted to Secretary of State, and laid before Parliament.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Clerks of the Peace shall, within One Month after the Expiration of the Month of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and so again within One Month after the Expiration of every further Period of Five Years, transmit to One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State a List of the Societies which have been enrolled during such Period under this Act, specifying their Names, the Places where they have been established, and Date of Enrolment, and Time of ceasing to exist, if such Case should arise, and also a Copy of the Returns of Sickness and Mortality herein-before directed to be made to them according to the Schedule (A.); a Copy of which List, with the Schedule attached to it, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within One Month then next ensuing, if Parliament shall be sitting, or within One Month after the Time when Parliament shall next sit.

Penalty on Societies not making Returns.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That should any such Society refuse or neglect to transmit or cause to be transmitted the aforesaid Returns of Sickness and Mortality in the Manner and within the Time herein-before directed, the Clerk of the Peace within each County shall give immediate Notice to such Society, that unless the said Return is made within Twenty-one Days from the Date of such Notice, the said Society will, and thereupon shall, cease to be entitled to the Privileges of this Act, unless good and sufficient Cause be shewn to the Justices at their then next ensuing General or Quarter Sessions why such Returns could not be made.

Exemption from Stamp Duties.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Copy of Rules, Power, Warrant, or Letter of Attorney granted or to be granted by any Persons as Trustee of any Society established under this Act, for the Transfer of any Share in the Public Funds standing in the Name of such Trustee, nor any Receipts given for any Dividend in any Public Stock or Fund or Interest of Exchequer Bills, nor any Receipt, nor any Entry in any Book of Receipt, for Money deposited in the Funds of any such Society, nor for any Money received by any Member, his or her Executors or Administrators, Assigns or Attornies, from the Funds of such Society, nor any Bond nor other Security to be given to or on account of any such Society, or by the Treasurer or Trustee or any Officer thereof,

nor any Draft or Order, nor any Form of Assurance, nor any Appointment of any Agent, nor any Certificate or other Instrument for the Revocation of any such Appointment, nor any other Instrument or Document whatever required or authorized to be given, issued, signed, made, or produced in pursuance of this Act, shall be subject or liable to or charged with any Stamp Duty or Duties whatsoever.

Construction of Act.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Word "Society" in this Act shall be understood to include Friendly Society or Societies, Institution or Institutions; the Word "Rules" to include Rules, Orders, and Regulations; the Word "County" to include County, Riding, Division, or Place; and the Words "Treasurer or Trustee" to include Treasurers or Trustees; and the Word "Person" to include Persons; and the Word "Book" to include Books; and the Word "Bond" to include Bonds; "Name" to include Names; "Account" to include Accounts; "Member" to include Members and Honorary Members; "Clerk of the Peace" to include Town Clerk; unless it be otherwise specially provided.

Act to extend to all present and future Societies.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall extend to all Friendly Societies hereafter to be established, and also to Societies already established, as soon as they shall think fit to conform to the Provisions thereof.

Societies already enrolled to conform to this Act within Three Years.

XL. And be it further enacted, That provided Societies already enrolled shall not conform to the Provisions of this Act within the Space of Three Years from the passing of this Act, the said Societies shall then cease to be entitled to the Privileges and Provisions of any or either of the herein-before repealed Acts: Provided nevertheless, that the Provisions of the herein-before repealed Acts shall continue in force as to all Societies established under any or either of them before the passing of this Act for the said Space of Three Years, or until they shall sooner conform to the Provisions of this Act.

Public Act.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall extend to *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, and be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without the same being specially shown or pleaded.

SCHEDULE (A.)

LIST of the MEMBERS of the Society, held at , established on the ; with a Return of the Sickness and Mortality experienced therein for the Period of Five Years, commencing January First, 18 , and ending December 31st, 18 .

NAMES. [N.B.—This Column may be filled up with Initials.]	Trade or Profession.	Date of Birth.	Date of Admission into the Society.	Date of becoming a Free Member.	For what Time entitled to Relief on account of Sickness.										For what Time entitled to Relief on account of Superannuation.										Date of Death.	Place of Residence at Time of Death.	REMARKS.
					In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18		In 18				
					Weeks.	Days	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.	Weeks.	Days.			

FORM OF AWARD.

WE, the major Part of the Arbitrators duly appointed by the Society ~~established at~~ in the County of do hereby award and order, That *A. B.* [*specifying by Name the Party or the Officer of the Society*] ~~do~~, on the Day of , pay to *C. D.* the Sum of [*or* we do hereby reinstate in *or* expel *A. B.* from the said Society [*as the Case may be*]. Dated this Day of One thousand eight hundred and

E. F.
G. H.

FORM OF BOND.

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That we, *A. B.* of Treasurer [*or* Trustee, &c.] of the Society established at in the County of , and *C. D.* of and *G. H.* of (as Sureties on behalf of the said *A. B.*), are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to *E. F.*, the present Clerk of the Peace [*or* Town Clerk] for the County [*or* County of a City, *or* County of a Town, Riding, Division, *or* Place, *as the Case may be*,] of in the Sum of to be paid to the said *E. F.* as such Clerk of the Peace, [*or* Town Clerk,] or his Successor, Clerk of the Peace [*or* Town Clerk] of the said County [*or* County of a City, &c.] for the Time being, or his certain Attorney; for which Payment well and truly to be made we jointly and severally bind ourselves, and each of us by himself, our and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals. Dated the Day of in the Year of our Lord

Whereas the above-bounden *A. B.* hath been duly appointed Treasurer [*or* Trustee, &c.] of the Society established as aforesaid, and he, together with the above-bounden *C. D.* and *G. H.* as his Sureties, have entered into the above-written Bond, subject to the Condition herein-after contained; now, therefore, the condition of the above-written Bond is such, that if the said *A. B.* shall and do justly and faithfully execute his Office of Treasurer [*or* Trustee] of the said Society established as aforesaid, and shall and do render a just and true Account of all Monies received and paid by him, and shall and do pay over all the Monies remaining in his Hands, and assign and transfer or deliver all Securities and Effects, Books, Papers, and Property of or belonging to the said Society in his Hands or Custody to such Person or Persons as the said Society shall appoint, according to the Rules of the said Society, together with the proper or legal Receipts or Vouchers for such Payments, and likewise shall and do in all respects well and truly and faithfully perform and fulfil his Office of Treasurer [*or* Trustee, &c.] to the said Society, according to the Rules thereof, then the above-written Bond shall be void and of no effect, otherwise shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

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