

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 the said Society, and in all cases concerning the property, right or claim aforesaid of the said Society, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in their proper names as President and Treasurer of the said Society, without other description, and no such suit, action or prosecution shall be discontinued or abated by the death of such persons or their removal from the offices of President or Treasurer, but shall continue in the proper name of the persons commencing the same, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and the succeeding President and Treasurer shall have the same rights and liabilities and shall pay or receive like costs as if the action or suit or prosecution had been commenced in their names, for the benefit of or to be satisfied out of the funds of the said Society.

XIII. And be it enacted, That in all such actions, suits and prosecutions as aforesaid, the Secretary of such Society shall be a competent witness, notwithstanding he may also be Treasurer of the said Society, and that his name may have been used in such action, suit or prosecution as such Treasurer,

Secretary, a competent witness.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the President, Vice-President and Directors of every such Society shall in their private capacity be exonerated from all responsibility in relation to the liabilities of such Society.

President, &c. not to be responsible for liabilities of Society.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Rules of every such Society shall provide that the Treasurer or other principal Officer thereof shall once at least in every year prepare or cause to be prepared a general statement of the funds and effects of and belonging to the said Society; specifying in whose custody or possession the said funds or effects shall then

Treasurer to provide statement of funds every year.