

his right to the several shares referred to in such petition; and the delays to plead, and all other proceedings, in such cases shall be the same as those observed in analagous cases before the said Superior Courts; Provided also, that the costs and expenses of procuring such order and adjudication, shall be paid by the party or parties to whom the said shares shall be declared lawfully to belong, and such shares shall not be transferred until such costs and expenses be paid, saving the recourse of such party against any party contesting his right.

XXXI. The Company shall not be bound to see to the execution of any trust, whether express, implied or constructive, to which any of the shares in the same may be subject, and the receipt of the party in whose name any such share shall stand in the books thereof, or if it stand in the names of more parties than one, the receipt of one of the parties shall, from time to time, be a sufficient discharge to the Company for any dividend or other sum of money payable in respect of such share, notwithstanding any trust to which such share may then be subject, and whether or not the Company have had notice of such trust, and the Company shall not be bound to see to the application of the money paid upon such receipt; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXXII. In this Act the following words and expressions shall have the several meanings hereby assigned to them; unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, that is to say, words importing the plural number shall include the singular number, words importing the masculine gender shall include females; the word Secretary shall include the word Clerk, the word lands shall extend to messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of any tenure; the expression "the Company" shall mean "The Metropolitan Life Assurance Company," in this Act mentioned and described; the expressions "The Directors" and "The Secretary" shall mean the Directors and Secretary respectively for the time being.

XXXIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.