

pleasure; and by whatever name, designation, number or description they may severally be known, shall and may have continued succession, and may contract and be
 5 contracted with, sue, and be sued, plead, and be impleaded; answer, and be answered unto, in all Courts and places whatsoever, in all actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever.

10 IV. And be it enacted, That it may be lawful for such societies to require, and for the officers, secretaries, treasurers and trustees to give security for all such sums of money,
 or other the property of any such Society, as
 15 may from time to time be placed in the hands of or under the control of such Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers and Trustees in trust for and on behalf of the objects of such Society, and all such securities being in writing, shall
 20 be deemed good and valid security and admissible as evidence in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Civil and Criminal Judicature.

They may take security from their officers.

V. And be it enacted, That if any Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee or Member of
 25 any Society constituted in accordance with this Act shall obtain undue possession of, misappropriate, embezzle or withhold from the other Members, Officers or other persons entitled to demand and receive the same, the
 30 whole or any portion of the funds, moneys, or other property of such Society, and shall continue to withhold such property after due demand shall have been made for the restoration and payment of the same by some one
 35 or more of the Members or Officers duly appointed by and on behalf of the said Lodge or Society, every such offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable at the discretion of the
 40 Court to be imprisoned at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not exceeding three years, or imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term not exceeding two years, or to

Punishment of Officers and Members embezzling funds, &c.