

against whom the complaint is made, and for any two Justices to hear and determine the matter in dispute, in the same manner as if the rules of the said Society had directed that any matter in dispute as aforesaid, should be decided by Justices of the Peace, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XXIII. And be it 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 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 if 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 hereinbefore directed to be used, in case of any neglect to comply with the decision of the arbitrators appointed under the authority of this Act.

Reference of disputes to Justices, if so directed by the rules of the Society.

XXIV. And be it 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 removeable into any Court of Law, or restrained or restrainable by the injunction of any Court of Equity, and that no suspension, advocacy or reduction shall be competent.

Orders of Justice to be final.

XXV. And be it 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.

Minors may be members and have legal authority to act.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the rules of every such Society shall provide that the Trustees, Treasurer, 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 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 six pence.

Societies shall make annual audits and statements of the funds of the members.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That on the trial of any action, indictment or other proceeding respecting the property of any Society enrolled under the authority of this Act, or in proceedings before any Justice of the Peace, any member of such Society shall be a competent witness, and shall not be objected to on account of any interests he may have as such member in the result of such action, indictment or other proceeding.

Members of Societies may be witnesses.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Trustees named in any mortgage made on behalf of such Societies, or the survivor or survivors of them, or for the Trustees for the time being, to endorse upon any mortgage or further charge given by any member of such Society to the Trustees thereof for monies advanced by such Society to any member thereof, a receipt for all monies intended to be secured by such mortgage or further charge, which shall be sufficient to vacate the same, and vest the estate of and in the property comprised in such security, in the person or persons for the time being entitled to the equity of redemption, without it being necessary for the Trustees of any such Society to give any reconveyance of the property so mortgaged, which receipt shall be specified in a schedule to be annexed to the rules of such Society, duly certified and deposited as aforesaid.

Receipt endorsed on Mortgage to be sufficient to discharge without reconveyance.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize any Building Society established under this Act to invest its funds, or any part thereof, in any Savings' Bank.

No investment of funds in Savings' Banks.