

covery of stolen horses, mules and all other live stock and other personal property, and the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves, and to insure the members of said corporation against loss by theft in such manner as shall be regulated by the by-laws of said corporation.

Officers. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That for the management of the affairs of said corporation, the members thereof shall annually elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and five directors, who shall be members of said corporation, who shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be regulated by the by-laws, as also the duties of all other members.

Candidates for membership. Admission fee. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That candidates for membership may be proposed by any member at stated or special meetings, and elected by ballot, and upon receiving a majority of the votes cast, shall become a member of said corporation upon paying an admission fee of fifty cents, and the annual contribution of members shall be assessed and regulated by the president and directors, and in the event of a failure to pay said annual contribution so assessed, the same shall be collectable by said corporation as a common debt according to law.

Arrest within limits of State of Maryland. SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the members of said corporation, in case of loss by theft of any property described in section two of this act, and sustained by any member of said corporation, shall have power to arrest within the limits of the State of Maryland any person or persons in whose possession such property may be found, or to arrest any person or persons when there exists a reasonable ground of suspicion that such person or persons stole the property, or received it into his or their possession knowing it to be stolen, but in no case shall the said members be allowed to enter the premises of any person, and search the same, unless accompanied by an officer with a warrant, as now authorized by the laws of the State of Maryland.

In force. SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1878.