

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the vote of two-thirds of the whole board of directors, exclusive of the president, shall be necessary to adopt the constitution and by-laws of the said society; and all amendments or alterations of the constitution and by-laws shall be made at a general meeting of the members of the society, convened in pursuance of public notice, given as in cases for annual elections for directors, when each member present shall have one vote, and a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to make any alteration or amendment to the constitution or by-laws, and when thus amended, shall be binding on all the members of the society.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president, whenever required by two-thirds of the whole directors, or by any number of the members of the society, not less than twenty, to call a general meeting of the society, and any resolutions adopted at such meeting by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present shall be binding on the president and directors of said society.

President when required to call meetings.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any member of the said society shall lose any slave or slaves, by the absconding of such slave or slaves from his service, it shall be the duty of such member, without delay, to notify the president or secretary of said society of the fact, under oath, and at once to execute to the said society a bill of sale or transfer, in writing, of such absconding slave or slaves, and it shall be the duty of the directors, at their next meeting after they shall have been notified of such loss, to cause an accurate statement to be made of the proportion or sum to be contributed by each member to make good the amount to be paid to the person or persons having sustained the said loss, and to notify the members of the society of the same; and if, after the expiration of sixty days from the date of such notice, any member of the said society shall have failed to pay his contribution aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said president and directors to enforce the collection of the same in the manner hereinafter provided for.

Member without delay to notify President or secretary.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the president and directors of said society to cause steps to be taken to secure, capture and retake any and all absconding or runaway slaves of any member of said society, or the slave or slaves which may have absconded or runaway, and afterwards by the owner or owners thereof have been transferred to the said society, and

President and Directors may cause steps to be taken, &c.