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if the said president and directors shall be successful in arresting and re-taking any such fugitive slaves, it shall be their duty to sell such slave or slaves beyond the limits of the State of Maryland, and after re-funding to each member of said society the amount or contribution which he may have been called upon to pay to the owner or owners of such absconding slave or slaves, the surplus to be retained by the said society, and to constitute a part of its funds, and to be used in aiding the objects of said society.

Guardians of minors may insure.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That any guardian of any infant owner or owners of a slave or slaves may insure such slave or slaves in said society, and such insurance to have the same effect, as if such minor or minors were of full age, and had made such insurance him, her or themselves.

May make by-laws.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted,* That the said society shall have full power and authority to make any by-law or by-laws, whereby any member of said society failing to pay the interest on his, her or their premium note or notes, according to the constitution and by-laws of the said society, may be excluded from any benefits of said society, and at the same time held liable to contribution in case of loss by others during all the time he, she or they may be so in default, any law or statute of this State to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

May rescind or revoke any insurance by them made.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted,* That the said society shall have full power and authority to rescind or revoke any insurance by them issued, whenever they shall deem it for the interest of said society so to do.

Judgment to be a lien on real estate.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where slaves may be insured under this act, and where the owner or owners of such slave or slaves may possess real estate, the premium note or notes which may be executed by such person or persons, shall be secured by judgment entered up in a docket kept for that purpose in the office of the clerk of the county, wherein such real estate may lie, and the person or persons insuring, shall either appear in person, or shall direct the clerk, by an instrument of writing signed by him, her or them, and attested by one witness, to enter up judgment for the amount of his, her or their premium note, and which judgment shall be a lien on the real estate of the party so confessing judgment; and the clerk of the county for entering said judgment, shall be entitled to receive ten cents and no more; and in case of losses incurred by the said society, so soon as the loss and the proportion of such loss to be paid by each

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