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agreements, in and by these presents declared. ART. 22. That there shall be a general meeting of the members of this society on the first Monday in April, every year, or oftener, if the directors for the time being shall think fit, or any twenty members, insuring to the value of ten thousand pounds or upwards, shall require the same, at which general meetings all the members of the society shall have a right and liberty to be present; of which general meetings, and of the matters therein intended to be moved, proposed or transacted, notice shall be given by the directors, at least seven days before the times of such meetings, in one or more of the public news-papers, or otherwise, as they shall see fit; which general meeting shall be capable of acting and managing the affairs of the society that shall then come before them, and they shall begin an hour at least after the time appointed for meeting, and shall choose a chairman, and after the choice of a chairman, shall continue for the space of one hour at least; and if any chairman of the said general meetings shall refuse or neglect to put, or offer to the consideration and determination of the said general meetings, any question or matter which shall be then and there proposed, seconded and insisted on, then the general meeting shall and they are hereby empowered to choose another chairman in the room of him so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid; and all and every the said general meetings may and they are hereby declared to have full power and authority to consider, treat of and determine, concerning all or any the matters and things relating to the said society, and the support, preservation and good order thereof, and to make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with the fundamental articles, in matters relating only to the better, more orderly and satisfactory management of the affairs of the society; at all which meetings the determination of a majority of the members present shall be conclusive and binding on the whole society. ART. 23. At the general meeting in April yearly, twelve members of this society shall be chosen by ballot to be directors for the year ensuing, and one other of the members shall also be chosen treasurer for the ensuing year, by ballot as aforesaid, the election to begin on the first day of the meeting, and to be continued by adjournment, if necessary, as the directors for the time being shall determine; and the directors shall appoint two of their own body, and three other members, not directors, to be judges and managers of the election, who shall, under their hands, or under the hands of the major part of them, report the names of the persons duly elected directors and treasurer, respectively, to the general meeting; and when the election is finished, the general meeting may proceed to other business, and not before. Thomas Usher, junior, Joseph Thornburgh, Jesse Hollingsworth, William Wilson, Thomas McEldery, Thomas Poultney, Philip Rogers, George Prestman, Alexander M'Kim, Nicholas Sluby, John Brown and Michael Diffendaffer, are duly elected, and hereby are declared to be, the present directors, and so shall continue to be until the first Monday in April, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, and until other directors are appointed and chosen in their room. ART. 24. Joseph Townsend shall be the present treasurer to this society, and so shall continue to be until the first Monday in April, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, and until another shall be chosen in his stead; which treasurer, and all other future treasurers of this society, shall have the custody of the cash, securities and purchase deeds, belonging to the society, and shall from time to time pay, dispose of and deliver the same, according to the orders and directions of the directors, or a major part of them, and shall keep regular and fair books of accounts of all cash, securities, deeds, writings and other things, by him received, or committed to his custody, and of all cash, securities, deeds, writings and other effects, by him paid and delivered; and the treasurer shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, give such security as the directors shall appoint and require, for the due and faithful discharge of his trusts, and to account for, and deliver up to his successor in the said office, all such monies, securities, deeds and effects, of the society, as shall have come to his hands or custody, and which shall not have been paid or delivered by the order of the directors, which security the directors for the time being are hereby required to see given before any treasurer shall enter on the duties of his office, or before he shall receive the cash or effects of the said society; and if, through the default or neglect of the directors, security is not given by the treasurer as aforesaid, the directors shall be accountable, and shall make good to the society all damages that may happen for want thereof until security be given as aforesaid; and the treasurer for the time being shall have and receive, out of the society's stock, such commission, or other compensation, for all monies by him received and expended, and other duties of his office, as the directors may from time to time deem proper, and if by reason of death, removal, disability, or refusal longer to act, it shall become necessary to choose a new treasurer within the year, the directors shall call a general meeting for that purpose. ART. 25. That the directors for the time being shall meet when, where, and as often as they shall think proper, but at least once every month, on the first Monday in each month, and being seven in number at least, they shall and may enter upon, order, direct and dispatch, all such matters and things relating to this office as shall then lie and come before them, and such proceedings shall be esteemed good and valid in all the affairs and business of this society, except in such cases herein mentioned where a greater number is required; and in case any of the directors herein nominated and appointed, or hereafter to be elected or appointed, shall happen to die,