

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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No. 6

An Ordinance to regulate Friendly Societies.

[Assented to 8th July, 1863.]

WHEREAS societies have been established in the Colony for the purpose of affording relief and maintenance to the members thereof in sickness, old age or infirmity and for other purposes of a provident and benevolent nature, and it is expedient to afford protection and encouragement to such societies and societies having the same object hereafter to be established, and also to make provisions for the protection of the members against fraud and misapplication of their funds: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof:—

1. That it shall be lawful for any society already established to be enrolled under the provisions of this Ordinance or for any number of persons to establish a society or branch of the same under the provisions of this Ordinance for the purpose of raising by voluntary subscriptions of the members thereof, with or without the aid of donations, a fund for any of the following objects, that is to say:—

1. For insuring a sum of money to be paid on the death of a member to his widow, or to the child, or to the executors, administrators, nominee or assigns of such member, or for defraying the expenses of the burial of a member, or of the wife, child or kindred of a member, subject always to the restrictions hereinafter enacted in that behalf.
2. For the relief, maintenance or endowment of the members, their wives, children or kindred in infirmity, old age, sickness, widowhood or any other natural state of which the probability may be calculated by way of average.
3. For any purpose which shall be certified to be legal by Her Majesty's Attorney-General, as a purpose to which the powers and facilities of this Ordinance ought to be extended.

Preamble

*But now see
58 Vic., No. 23,
which repeals
this Act, save as
to Building
Societies*

Objects for
which Friendly
Societies may be
established

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Ordinance limited to societies not assuring above £50 or annuity of £20, or allowance of 20s. a week in sickness

Provided always that it shall not be lawful for any society or branch established under this Ordinance to assure the payment to or on the death of any member, or on any contingency or for any of the purposes for which the payment of sums may be assured under this Ordinance of any sum exceeding fifty pounds, nor any annuity exceeding twenty pounds per annum, nor any sum in sickness exceeding twenty shillings per week.

Certificate of surgeon or coroner required before money is paid on the death of a member

2. That in all societies established under the provisions of this Ordinance it shall not be lawful for the trustees or other officers of such societies to pay any sum of money which may have been insured and become payable on the death of any member thereof or of the wife or child of any member, unless the party applying for the same shall produce and deliver to such trustees or officer a certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner or coroner in the form set forth in Schedule A to this Ordinance annexed, except in cases where from the nature of the circumstances it is impossible to procure such certificate.

Power to repeal or alter rules and appoint committee and officers

3. That it shall be lawful for persons intending to establish or enrol under the provisions of this Ordinance a friendly society or branch thereof to make or adopt rules for the government and guidance of the same, and to make such provisions in the rules as they shall think fit for ordaining, repealing or altering or amending any such rules, and to impose reasonable fines and forfeitures on any member offending against the same, and to form a general committee or board of management, and to delegate to the same all or any of the powers given by this Ordinance, to be executed either with respect to the management of the society or branch, or the enactment, amendment, repeal or alteration of the rules thereof, and in such rules there shall distinctly be set forth :—

1. The name and designation of such society or branch and place where the business thereof is carried on ; the whole of the objects and intentions for which it is founded ; the whole of the purposes to which the funds thereof are applicable, according to the rules and tables thereof ; and the conditions under which any member or party claiming under or by a member may become entitled to any benefit assured thereby.
2. The manner of making, repealing or altering rules ; of appointing trustees, a treasurer and an officer, who shall keep the books and accounts, and prepare the returns required by this Ordinance ; a general board or committee of management and the duties and powers of each.
3. The mode in which the funds shall be invested.
4. The manner in which disputes between the society or branch and any member thereof or person claiming on account of or through any member shall be settled.

Separate accounts to be kept of money paid and received for each particular fund or benefit

4. Provided always that the rules of every such society or branch shall provide that all moneys received or paid on account of each and every particular fund or benefit assured to the members thereof, their wives, children or kindred, for which a separate table of contributions

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payable shall have been adopted, shall be entered in a separate account distinct from the moneys received and paid on account of any other benefit or fund.

5. That such society or branch shall not be deemed to be legally established under this Ordinance, nor be entitled to any of the provisions of the same, unless the rules and every amendment of the rules or tables made from time to time thereof shall have been duly confirmed as hereinafter provided.

Society or
branch not
legally esta-
blished till rules
approved of

6. That two printed or written copies of all rules and tables adopted by any such society or branch, together with the name and residence of every trustee thereof, signed by three members and countersigned by the secretary, clerk or other officer with all convenient speed after the same shall be made, altered or amended, and so from time to time after every making, altering or amending thereof, shall be submitted to the Governor for his approval, who may take the opinion of the Attorney-General thereon, and so soon as the same rules shall be found to be framed in conformity with law, and that no rule or part thereof is repugnant to another, and the same are reasonable and proper, it shall be lawful for the said Governor to confirm the same, and in such case one of the copies to be signed by such Governor in confirmation thereof shall be returned to the society or branch, and the other copy signed as aforesaid shall be deposited with the Colonial Secretary of this Colony, without fee or reward; and all rules, alterations or amendments thereof, when confirmed as aforesaid, shall be binding on the several members and all persons claiming by or under them, and be received as evidence in the said Colony. Provided that before the Governor shall confirm the rules of any society, assuring to any member any annuity, the contributions in respect of such annuity shall be certified to such Governor by the Auditor-General.

Governor to con-
firm

7. That on every such confirmation of rules a fee of one guinea shall be paid to the Attorney-General (if such rules shall be referred to him as before provided), and a fee of ten shillings and sixpence on every confirmation of rules of any branch of such society, and a fee of five shillings on every confirmation of any amendments or alterations of the rules of any such society or branch, and a fee of one guinea to the Auditor-General for any certificate of such confirmation as aforesaid.

Fees to be paid
to Attorney-
General on con-
firmation

8. That the rules of such society or branch shall provide for and direct that the funds of such society or branch, until invested as hereinafter provided, shall be deposited in a bank in this Colony, in the name and to the credit of such society or branch, and that such funds shall only be withdrawn at the usual meetings of the committees of such society or branch by cheques, signed by at least three of the trustees, and countersigned by the secretary or steward. And also that such society or branch shall cause their treasurer to give security in the form set forth in Schedule B, with one or more sufficient bondsmen, in such sum as such society or branch may determine, and that it shall be lawful to sue upon such bond in the names of the trustees for the time being.

Funds

Treasurer to give
bond

9. That the trustees for the time being of any such society or branch shall and they are hereby required from time to time, by and

Trustees to in-
vest funds

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with the consent of such society or branch, to lay out and invest such part of all such sums of money as shall at any time be collected, given or paid to and for the purpose of such society, as may not be wanted for the immediate use thereof, or to meet the usual accruing liabilities of such society or branch, in the names of such trustees, in and upon any loans raised or guaranteed by the authority of the Legislature of the said Colony, or on mortgage of freehold or leasehold property, such leasehold being for a term of years absolute, of which not less than five years shall be unexpired, or in the purchase of any freehold or leasehold property in the said Colony, such leasehold property having a term of at least twenty years to run, or on loan to any member of such society on the security of any policy of insurance effected on his own life (provided that the amount of such loan shall not exceed the actual estimated value of such policy at the time such loan shall be made) and from time to time with such consent as aforesaid, to alter or transfer such securities and funds, and to make sale thereof respectively; and all dividends, interest and proceeds, which shall from time to time arise from the moneys so laid out or invested as aforesaid, shall be brought to account by such trustees, and shall be applied to and for the use of such society or branch according to the rules thereof: Provided always that it shall be lawful for the trustees as aforesaid, with the consent of such society or branch as aforesaid, to purchase, hire or take upon lease any room or premises for the purpose of holding therein the meetings of such society or branch, or for the transaction of business relating thereto, and to hold the same in trust to and for the use of such society or branch, and to sell, exchange, let and demise the same, in whole or in part.

*Purchase**Sell—exchange—
let**Property vested
in trustees*

10. That within thirty days after the confirmation of any such rules of any society or branch, a memorial of the names of the trustees of such society or branch, under the hands of two or more of such trustees, and of the secretary or clerk of the said society or branch, and which memorial shall be verified by the solemn declaration of such secretary or clerk, shall be registered in the office of the Colonial Secretary, and whenever any change shall be made in the trustees of any society or branch, by the death, resignation, removal or inability to act of any trustee, and the appointment of any new trustee, a like memorial of such change and of the names of such new trustee, verified as aforesaid, shall be registered in the said office, and from and after such registration, all hereditaments, moneys, goods, chattels, and effects whatsoever, and all titles, securities for money, or other obligatory instruments and evidence or muniments, and all rights or claims belonging to or had by such society or branch, shall be vested in the trustees or trustee for the time being of the same for the use and benefit of such society or branch and the respective members thereof, their respective executors or administrators, according to their respective claims and interests; and after the death or removal of any trustees or trustee, shall vest in the succeeding trustees or trustee for the same estate and interest as the former trustees or trustee had therein, and subject to the same trusts, without any assignment or conveyance whatever; and also shall for all purposes of action or suit, as well criminal as civil, in law or in equity, in anywise touching or concerning the same, be deemed and taken to be and shall in every such proceeding, when necessary, be stated to be the property of the

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person or persons appointed to the office of trustee of such society or branch, for the time being, in his or their proper name or names without further description, and such persons or person shall, and they are hereby respectively authorised to bring or defend, or cause to be brought or defended, any action, suit or prosecution, criminal as well as civil, in any Court of law or equity, touching or concerning the property, right or claim aforesaid, of or belonging to or had by such society or branch; and such persons shall or may in all cases concerning the property, right or claim aforesaid, of or belonging to or had by such society or branch, and such persons shall or may in all cases concerning the property, right or claim aforesaid of such society or branch, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law or equity, in their or his proper names or name, as trustees or trustee of such society or branch, without other description, and no such suit, action or prosecution shall be discontinued or abate by the death of such person, or his removal from office of trustee, but the same shall and may be proceeded in by the remaining or succeeding trustees or trustee, in the proper name of the person commencing the same, and such remaining or succeeding trustees or trustee shall pay or receive the like costs as if the action or suit had been commenced in his or their name for the benefit of, or to be reimbursed from, the funds of such society or branch, and a certified copy of any such memorial shall be evidence in any proceedings at law or in equity, until the contrary thereof is shown, that the persons named therein as trustees are such trustees for all the purposes of this Ordinance: Provided always that every treasurer, trustee, and other officer shall only be personally responsible and liable for all moneys actually received by him, on account of or for the use of such society or branch.

11. That the trustees of every such society or branch shall by the rules of the same be compelled to audit the accounts as often as the rules express, and every officer in whose charge the accounts of such society are kept shall once in every year prepare or cause to be prepared a general statement of the funds and effects of such society or branch during the then preceding twelve months in the form set forth in Schedule C to this Ordinance annexed, as accurately as such officer may be enabled to furnish the same, and shall transmit such statement to the Governor on some day before the first day of March in each year, and every such statement shall be attested by the auditors and countersigned by such officer, and every member shall be entitled to inspect such statement without fee at all reasonable times; and every officer failing to transmit such statement as aforesaid on or before the first day of March in any year or transmitting any fraudulent or wilfully false return shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and a copy of all such annual returns shall in every year be laid before the Legislative Council of the said Colony.

12. That the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Societies established for Seditious and Treasonable Purposes and for better preventing Treasonable and Seditious Practices,' and also another Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled 'An Act for

Trustees to
transmit annual
return to
Governor

Provisions of
39 Geo. III., c. 79,
and of 59 Geo.
III., c. 13, not to
extend to friendly
societies under
this Act

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the more effectual preventing Seditious Meetings and Assemblies,' shall not extend to any society or branch established or enrolled under this Ordinance or to any meeting of the members or officers thereof.

Disputes between
society and
trustees to be
settled according
to rules

13. That if any dispute shall arise between the members or persons claiming under or on account of any member of any society or branch established under this Ordinance and the trustees, treasurer or other officer or committee thereof, it shall be settled in such manner as the rules of such society or branch shall direct, and the decision so made shall be binding and conclusive, but if such dispute shall be of such kind that for the settlement of it, according to the laws now in force, recourse must be had to the equitable jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, it may be referred at the option of either party to any Court established for the recovery of small debts which shall be nearest to the city or town where such society or branch shall hold its meetings, which Court shall proceed *ex parte* on notice in writing to the other of the said parties being left at his usual place of residence or abode ten days previously; and such Court is hereby authorised to require of all parties who are or may have been members, trustees or officers of such society or branch to produce before it all books or other documents relating to the concerns of such society, and thereupon, if such Court shall so think fit, it shall be lawful for such Court to determine such dispute and displace any such trustee or officer, or to make such order as the justice of the case in the opinion of such Court may require, and such decision or order shall be binding and conclusive.

Rules for arbi-
tration when
such is appointed
by rules

14. That it shall be provided by the rules of such society or branch that disputes which may arise between any member thereof and the trustees, committee or officers on the part of such society or branch shall be settled by arbitration; the number of arbitrators and mode of selection shall be stated in the rules, and in case any of such arbitrators shall at any time neglect or refuse to act, the members of such society or branch at a general meeting or general committee thereof are hereby required forthwith to elect and appoint some other person to be an arbitrator in his place, and the rules shall direct in what manner such arbitrators or any of them shall proceed to determine such disputes, and the award so made by them or so many as may be appointed for the purpose according to the rules shall be final and binding on all parties, without appeal, and shall not be removed to any Court of Law or Equity, and if either of the said parties shall refuse or neglect to comply with or conform to the decision of the said arbitrators or the major part of them it shall and may be lawful for the nearest Resident or Police Magistrate to the place within which such society or branch shall be established, upon good and sufficient proof being adduced before him of such award having been made and of the refusal of the party to comply therewith, upon complaint made by or on behalf of the party aggrieved, to summon the party 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 upon oath of the service of such summons, to make such order thereupon as may to him seem just, and if the sum of money awarded, together with the costs of and attending such order, shall not be paid according to the

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tenor of such order, then such order shall be enforced in the same manner as any conviction of such Resident or Police Magistrate may by law be enforced : Provided always that if there are not at the time of enforcing such order any moneys, goods or chattels of any such society or branch by means whereof any sum of money by such order directed to be paid by such society or branch, with costs, can be satisfied, that then such order may be enforced by seizure and sale of the moneys, goods and chattels of the party or of the officer of the said society so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid : Provided always that whatever sum shall be paid by any such officer or levied on his or her property or goods in pursuance of the award of arbitrators or order of any such Resident or Police Magistrate, shall be repaid with all damages accruing to him or her by and out of the moneys belonging to such society or branch, or out of the first money which shall be thereafter received by such society or branch.

Resident or
Police Magis-
trate may enforce
award

15. That if the rules of any friendly society or branch shall not have provided for settlement of matters by arbitration as aforesaid, or shall have provided for the settlement of disputes by arbitration, but no arbitrator shall have been appointed or no award shall have been made within forty days after such complaint has been made to the officers of such society or branch, or if the rules shall have directed that any dispute between the members and the trustees or other officer on the committee of management shall be settled by Justices of the Peace, then all such matters and disputes shall be referred to and decided by the aforesaid Court established for the recovery of small debts.

If no arbitrators
are appointed or
no award given
Justices may
decide

16. That in case any member of any such society or branch shall have been expelled from such society and the award of the arbitrators or the order of the said Court shall direct that he shall be reinstated, it shall be lawful for such arbitrators to award or said Court to order, in default of such reinstatement, such a sum of money to be paid to such member by the trustees of such society or branch, as to such arbitrators or Justices may seem just and reasonable, which such sum of money if not paid shall be recoverable from the said society or branch or the treasurer, trustee or other officer in the same way as any money awarded by the arbitrators is recoverable under this Ordinance.

In case a mem-
ber is unjustly
expelled arbi-
trators or Small
Debts Court
may direct such
member to be
reinstated, and
in default may
award a sum as
compensation

17. That in all cases where the order of such Court shall be for the payment of money, the same may be enforced in the same manner as the ordinary judgments of such Courts are enforced ; but where the order of the said Court shall be for the doing of some act not being for the payment of money, it shall be lawful for the Magistrate so appointed as aforesaid of such Court in his said order to order the party to do such act, or that in default of his doing it he shall pay a certain sum of money, and in case he refuse or neglect to do the act required upon demand in that behalf, the sum of money or penalty in the said order may then be recovered in the same manner as a judgment for debt or damages in such Court ; and it shall not be lawful to remove the same by *certiorari* or other writ or process in the Supreme Court.

Order how to be
enforced

18. That for the more effectually preventing fraud and imposition on the funds of such societies or branches if any officer, member or

In case of fraud
or imposition on

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the funds Jus-
tices may deter-
mine

Justices may
award double
the amount ob-
tained, &c.

Treasurer to
render accounts
and demand and
pay over moneys,
&c., to party ap-
pointed by
societies, &c.

On reference
Justices may
inspect books

Minors may be
members
and have legal

other person being or representing himself to be a member of such society or branch, or the nominee, executor, administrator or assignee of any member thereof or any other person whatever shall in or by any false representation or imposition obtain possession of the moneys, securities, books, papers or other effects of such society or branch, or any part thereof, or having the same in his or her possession, shall withhold or misapply the same, it shall and may be lawful for any two or more Justices of the Peace upon the complaint of any trustee of such society or branch, the secretary or clerk thereof, to hear and determine the matter of such complaint in a summary way, and upon due proof of such fraud to convict the said party and award double the amount of the money so obtained or withheld, to be paid to the treasurer to be applied by him to the purposes of the society or branch, and order the said securities, books, papers or other effects to be delivered to the society or branch, together with the costs as shall be awarded by the said Justices not exceeding the sum of twenty shillings, and any such order shall and may be enforced in the like manner as any fine or penalty awarded against any defendant: Provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said society or branch from proceeding by indictment, information or complaint if a previous conviction for the same offence has been obtained under this Ordinance.

19. That every person who shall have or receive any part of the moneys, effects, or funds of or belonging to any such society or branch, or shall in any manner have been or shall be entrusted with the management, disposal or custody thereof or of any securities, books, papers or property relating to the same, his executors, administrators and assigns respectively shall upon demand made or notice in writing given or left at the last or usual place of residence of such persons, in pursuance of any order of not less than two trustees or three members of the committee or board of management, give in his account at the usual meeting of such society or branch or to such trustees, committee or board of management, to be examined and allowed or disallowed, and shall on the like demand or notice pay over all moneys remaining in his hands and assign and transfer or deliver all securities and effects, books, papers and property in his hands or custody, and assign and transfer or deliver all securities and effects, books, papers and property in his hands to the treasurer or trustee for the time being, or to such other person as such trustees, committee or board of management shall appoint, and in case any neglect or refusal to deliver such account, or to pay over such moneys, or to assign, transfer or deliver such securities and effects, books, papers and property in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any two or more Justices of the Peace for the said Colony, upon the complaint of any trustee or other officer of any such society or branch, to hear and determine the matter of such complaint in a summary way, and to make such order therein as to such Justices in their discretion shall seem just.

20. That in any proceedings before such Justices they shall be authorised to inspect and require the production before them of all books or other documents relating to the matter in dispute.

21. That a minor may become a member of any such society or branch, and he is hereby empowered to execute all instruments and

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to give all necessary acquittances. Provided always that such minor shall not be competent, during his minority, to hold any office as director, trustee, treasurer or manager in such society or branch.

authority to act
and not to hold
office

22. That it shall not be lawful for the members of any such society or branch, by any rule or resolution or order, to dissolve or determine such society or branch, so long as the intents and purposes declared by the rules of such society or branch or any of them remain to be carried into effect, without obtaining the votes of consent of five-sixths in value of the then existing members, to be ascertained in manner hereinafter mentioned, and also the consent of all persons then receiving or entitled to receive relief, either on account of sickness, age or infirmity, to be testified under their hands individually and respectively, and for the purpose of ascertaining the votes of such five-sixths in value every member shall be entitled to one vote, and an additional vote for every five years that he may have been a member: Provided also that no one member shall have more than five votes in the whole, and in all cases of dissolution the intended appropriation or division of the funds or other property shall be fairly and distinctly stated in the proposed plan of dissolution prior to such consent being given; and it shall not be lawful for such society or branch, by any rule, to direct the division or distribution of such stock or fund or any part thereof to or amongst the several members of such society or branch other than for carrying into effect the general intents and purposes declared by the rules originally confirmed, and all such rules for the dissolution or termination thereof, without such consent as aforesaid, or for the distribution or division of the stock or funds contrary to the rules, shall be void and of none effect; and in the event of such division or misappropriation of the funds, without the consent hereby declared to be requisite, any trustee or other officer or person aiding or abetting therein shall be liable to the like penalties as are in this Ordinance provided in cases of fraud: Provided always that it shall be lawful for any two or more societies or branches to become united or incorporated in one society or branch, upon such terms as shall be approved by the major part of the trustees and board of management of both societies or branches.

Consent neces-
sary for dissolu-
tion of Society

23. That all rules, alterations of rules, transcript or copy of or extract from all rules and alterations of rules, and all awards, writings and documents of what nature or kind soever, relating to any society or branch directed by any Ordinance to be certified and approved shall, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, be received in all Courts of Law and Equity, and elsewhere without proof of the signature thereto.

Rules approved
of to be received
without proof
of signature

24. That if any person appointed to any office in any society or branch established under this Ordinance, and being entrusted with the keeping of the accounts or having in his hands or possession by virtue of his said office or employment any moneys or effects belonging thereto, or any deeds or securities relating to the same, shall die or become insolvent, or have any execution, or attachment or other process issued against his land, goods, chattels or effects, or shall make any assignment, disposition or other conveyance thereof for the benefit of his creditors, his heirs, executors, administrators or assignees, or other person having legal right, or the Sheriff, Official Assignee or

Executors or
officers to pay
money due to
society before
any other debts
within forty
days after de-
mand in writing

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other Officer executing such process shall, within forty days after demand made in writing by the trustees of any such society or branch, or by any three or more of the committee of management assembled at any meeting thereof, deliver and pay over all moneys and other things belonging to such society or branch to such person as such trustee or committee shall appoint, and shall pay out of the estates, assets or effects of such person all sums of money remaining due which such person shall have received by virtue of his said office or employment before any other of his debts are paid or satisfied, or before the other money directed to be levied by such process as aforesaid is paid over to the party issuing such process, and all such assets, lands, goods, chattels, property, estates and effects shall be bound to the payment and discharge thereof accordingly.

Provisions of this Ordinance may be applied to benevolent and charitable societies formed by voluntary subscription, if rules are registered in pursuance of this Ordinance

25. And whereas several benevolent and charitable institutions, societies and associations are formed by voluntary subscriptions and benefactions for the purpose of relieving the physical wants and necessities of persons in distressed circumstances, and it is expedient to afford some protection to the funds thereof: Be it therefore enacted that if the rules of any such institution, society, or association, and all alterations and amendments thereof, shall be registered under the provisions of this Ordinance, then and in that case the clauses and provisions herein contained so far as the same relate to the giving of security from any treasurer or other officer or person, and to the vesting of the effects in the trustees for the time being, and to their suing and being sued, and as to the liability of the treasurer or trustee or other officer, and to the protecting, securing or recovering the funds vested or being in such treasurer or trustee and for enforcing the rendering of accounts by him or them, shall be extended to all and every such institution, society or association which shall have and enjoy and be entitled to the benefit of this Ordinance with respect to the several matters as aforesaid as fully and effectually as any friendly society or branch registered or enrolled under this Ordinance can or may have or enjoy the same.

Construction of terms

26. That in the construction of this Ordinance, unless there shall be something in the subject matter or context repugnant thereto, the word 'society' shall include every branch thereof.

J. S. HAMPTON,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

SCHEDULES REFERRED TO

A

FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that _____ late of _____
died the _____ day of _____ and I have no reason to
attribute his death to poison, violence, or criminal neglect.

(Signed) A. B.
Profession.
Residence.

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FORM OF CORONER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have held an inquest on the body of
 late of _____ who was found dead, and the jury have returned
 the following verdict _____ and it does not appear to me that he has
 been deprived of life by means of any person beneficially interested in obtaining
 burial money from any Society.

Dated the _____ day of _____

A.B.,
 Coroner.

B

FORM OF BOND

Know all men by these presents that we A. B. of _____
 Treasurer (or Steward, &c.) of the _____ Society established at
 _____ in the Colony of _____ and C. D. of _____
 and E. F. of _____ as sureties on behalf of the said A. B. are jointly and
 severally held and firmly bound to G. H. of _____ and J. K. of _____
 the Trustees of the said Society in the sum of _____ to be paid to the said
 G. H. and J. K. as such Trustees, or their successors, Trustees for the time being,
 or their certain Attorney, for which payment to be well and truly made, we jointly
 and severally bind ourselves and each of us binds himself, our and each of our
 heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with our
 seals. Dated the _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord

Whereas the above bounden A.B. hath been duly appointed Treasurer (or
 Steward) of the _____ Society, established as aforesaid, and he, together
 with the above bounden C. D. and E. F. as his sureties, have entered into the
 above written bond subject to the condition hereinafter contained: Now therefore
 the condition of the above written bond is such that if the said A.B. shall and do
 justly and faithfully execute his office of Treasurer or Steward, &c., of the said
 Society, established as aforesaid, and shall and do render a just and true account
 of all moneys received and paid by him, and do and shall pay over all the moneys
 remaining in his hands, and assign and transfer or deliver all securities and effects,
 books, papers and property of or belonging to the said Society, in his hands or
 custody to such person or persons as the said Society shall appoint, according to
 the rules of the said Society together with the proper or legal receipts or vouchers
 for such payments, and likewise shall and do in all respects well and truly and
 faithfully perform and fulfil his office of Treasurer or Steward, &c., to the said
 Society, according to the rules thereof; then the above written bond shall be void
 and of no effect, otherwise shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered }
 in the presence of } A.B. (L.S.)
 C.D. (L.S.)
 E.F. (L.S.)

C

HEADS OF INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED YEARLY TO THE
 GOVERNMENT BY EVERY SOCIETY

Return of _____ Society established at _____ for the year
 ending 18

Date of balancing books in each year.

MEMBERS.

- Number admitted since last balance.
- Number died since last balance.
- Number withdrawn or expelled.
- Number of members at this date including honorary members.

Friendly Societies

SICKNESS.

Number of members sick in the year.

INCOME.

Donations and honorary subscriptions.

Entrance money.

Contributions for sickness and death.

Contributions for endowments—widow and orphans' fund.

Interest received.

Total income.

Total capital. (Here state where the same is placed.)

EXPENDITURE.

Sick pay or allowances.

Death of { members.

{ wives.

Endowments.

Extra expenditure.

Total expenditure.

OBSERVATIONS.

Dated the day of in the year of our Lord

To be signed by two Trustees, and Secretary, Treasurer or other Officer.
