

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any Fire Insurance Company incorporated by this State, or any agent of any Fire Insurance Company incorporated outside of this State, may become a member of this corporation, by paying annually, to the board of managers, the assessment of such a percentage upon the premiums received by such company as shall from year to year be levied by the said board, or by paying, and by continuing to pay, from year to year, so long as they may remain members, such sum as shall be accepted by said board, in lieu thereof.

Who may become members.

SEC. 6 *And be it enacted*, That whenever services may be rendered by this corporation in saving any property not insured by any of the companies which may be members of this corporation, from fire, or in protecting the same from loss or damage during or after a fire, the property so saved from fire or protected from loss or damage, shall be liable to assessment for salvage for such services rendered, and the value of such services may be determined by agreement; but in case differences should arise regarding the value of such services, the same shall be referred to two impartial arbitrators to determine, whose award shall be final and conclusive of such value, and in case the two referees thus chosen should not agree, they shall appoint an umpire, and an award signed by any two of the board of reference thus provided for shall be final, and the amount thus ascertained shall be collectable by this corporation in any of the courts of law of this State, or before any justice of the peace of this State, should the amount of such award be too small to give a court of law jurisdiction; the said arbitrators shall be chosen, the one by the party whose property is preserved or saved from loss or damage, and the other by the president or other proper officer of this corporation, and should the party whose property is cared for as aforesaid by this corporation, refuse to admit any assessment or charge for such service, and refuse also to name an arbitrator as herein provided for, then the board of management of this corporation shall be empowered, and they are hereby empowered to appoint an *exparte* board of reference, to consist of three citizens of the city of Baltimore, who shall be first sworn according to law to make a careful inves-

Liable to assessment.

Referred to arbitration.

*Exparte* board