

CHARTER

of the

LAW LIBRARY COMPANY OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

TO ALL MEN to whom these Presents shall come Greeting, Know Ye, that We whose names are hereunto subscribed of the City of Philadelphia, Attornies and Counsellors at Law, being desirous of establishing a Law Library Company within the said City and for that purpose of acquiring and enjoying the powers and immunities of a Corporation or body politic in law, according to an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania intituled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of Corporations or bodies politic in law," We do therefore by these Presents publish and declare that we have associated and do hereby associate ourselves together for the said purposes by the name style and title of "The Law Library Company of the City of Philadelphia" under the Articles and Conditions following, to wit.

1.—The said subscribers and their successors shall according to the said above recited Act become and be a Corporation or body politic in law and in fact to have continuance by the name, style and title of "The Law Library Company of the City of Philadelphia," and as such shall have full power and authority to make, have and use one common Seal with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, and the same to break alter or renew at their pleasure, and by the name, style and title, aforesaid be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court or Courts before any Judge or Judges, Justice or Justices, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas causes matters and demands whatsoever; and all and every matter or thing therein to do, in as full

and effectual a manner as any other person or persons bodies politic and corporate within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, may or can do; and shall be authorized and empowered to make rules, Bye Laws, and Ordinances, and to do everything needful for the good government and support of the affairs of the said Company: *Provided* that the said Bye Laws, rules and Ordinances, or any of them be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the present instrument upon which the said Company is founded and established: *And provided also* that none of the said Bye Laws, rules and Ordinances shall extend to a dissolution of the said Company or give power to dissolve the same except by the consent of all the members thereof.

2.—The said Company and their successors by the name style and title aforesaid shall be able and capable in law according to the terms and conditions of these presents to take receive and hold all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and hereditaments and any sum and sums of Money, and any manner and portion of Goods and Chattels, given and bequeathed unto them, to be employed and disposed of according to the objects, articles and conditions, of this instrument, the Bye Laws of the said Company or of the Will and intention of the Donor: *Provided*, that the clear yearly value or income of the messuages, houses, lands and tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments and real Estate of the said Company, and the interest of the Money by them lent, shall not exceed the sum of Five hundred pounds.

3.—The Stock of the said Company shall be divided into shares, and for each share there shall be paid by the members respectively, the sum of Twenty Dollars, one-half thereof as soon as the Company is incorporated, and the residue when required. After the Company is incorporated Gentlemen of the Bar of Pennsylvania may be admitted as new members on such terms and Conditions as the Bye Laws shall from

time to time prescribe; but due regard shall be therein had to the increased value of the Stock.

4.—Shares in the Stock of the Company may be assigned by the members or their representatives to other Gentlemen of the Bar of Pennsylvania in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Bye Laws, and such Assignees shall be admitted and entitled to all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the duties of the original members.

5.—The members of the Company shall meet on the monday next preceding the first day of the first Term of the Supreme Court in each year for the purpose of choosing seven Directors and of transacting such other business as may be submitted to them. But the following persons shall be and continue Directors of the Company until the meeting of the members which shall be convened on the monday next preceding the first day of the first term of the Supreme Court in the Year 1803, and shall meet and proceed to business as soon as may be after the Company is incorporated, to wit: Joseph B. McKean, William Lewis, Edward Tilghman, William Rawle, Jasper Moylan, Joseph Hopkinson, and John B. Wallace.

6.—A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Company, and shall have authority to ordain and enact all necessary Bye Laws, and to appoint, and at their pleasure remove such as may be necessary for conducting the affairs of the Institution.

7.—The Directors shall meet on the first day of each term of the Supreme Court, and at such other times as they shall think proper, and at the annual meeting of the members of the Company shall present for their inspection a statement of the Funds of the Institution and situation of the library with the minutes of their proceedings and the acts of the said Directors shall be subject to revision, amendment, or repeal by the members of the Company at such annual meeting.

8.—The Directors as soon as the Company is incor-

porated shall collect from the members the sums hereby agreed to be paid for the amount of their respective shares; they shall also have power to collect from each of the members yearly and every year the sum of Two Dollars to be appropriated for defraying the contingent expences and supplying the Library from time to time with additional publications; and the Directors shall take care the debts, monies or other property belonging, accruing, growing or become due to the Company from time to time, be as speedily as possible fully paid, collected and secured.

9.—The Directors shall from time to time and as soon as conveniently may be after any monies of the Company shall come to their hands, lay out and invest the same in the purchase of Books for the Library; and the Library shall permanently remain in some convenient place in the City of Philadelphia, unless by the unanimous vote of the shareholders at an annual meeting it shall be otherwise directed.

10.—The names of those who present or bequeath any Books to the Company shall be inserted in the said Books and be recorded on the minutes of the Directors as the Donors thereof.

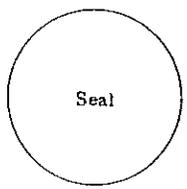
11.—The Library shall at all times during the sitting of the Courts be open to the members of the Company, and Books shall be furnished to them and to the Judges for their use in Court. No Book shall be taken out of the Library except for such use but every member shall be permitted to use the Books in the room appropriated for the same, not removing them therefrom, except as aforesaid, under such regulations as shall hereafter be prescribed by the Directors.

12.—No person shall be admitted to the use of any Book or Books of the said Company who shall not be entitled thereto under these Articles.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have hereunto set our Hands this Thirteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord 1802.

William Lewis,
 Jared Ingersoll,
 Charles Swift,
 William Moore Smith,
 Jasper Moylan,
 E. Tilghman,
 Wm Ewing,
 Peter S. Du Ponceau,
 Miers Fisher,
 Samson Levy,
 Jno C. Wells,
 J. W. Condy,
 Henry Wikoff,
 Michl. Keppele,
 Jno. R. Smith,
 Walter Franklin,
 William H. Tod,
 James Milnor,
 Adam Gordon,
 Wm Meredith,
 Robert Hazlehurst, Jr.,
 Jno Ewing, Jun
 Thos B. Zantzinger,
 John R. Coates,
 Samuel Shoemaker,
 Elihu Chauncey,
 Washington L. Hannum,
 John B. Wallace,
 Charles W. Hare,
 Zalegman Phillips,
 John Sergeant,
 Wm Dewees,
 Wm McIlhenny, jun
 Richd Peters, jun
 Geo. Vaux,

Collinson Read,
 Moses Levy,
 John F. Mifflin,
 Charles Heatly,
 W. Rawle,
 A. J Dallas,
 Thomas Ross,
 Joseph B. M'Kean,
 Benj'n R. Morgan,
 John Hallowell,
 R. Porter,
 Joseph Hopkinson,
 James Gibson,
 John Read, jun
 John Jones,
 R. Frazer,
 J. H. Brinton,
 W. Sergeant,
 John L. Leib,
 Jos. Reed,
 Jno W. Vancleve,
 Bird Wilson,
 Mahlon Dickerson,
 Thos B. Adams,
 Chs Chauncey,
 George Heyl, jun
 William Tilghman,
 Edward S. Burd,
 Algernon S. Magaw,
 Edward Bridges,
 Hor. Binney,
 Saml Holmes,
 Saml Ewing,
 Richd Rush,
 Wm S. Biddle,



Seal

I JOSEPH B. MCKEAN Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify to the Honourable Supreme Court of the said Commonwealth, that I have perused and examined the Instrument above written, and am of opinion that the objects, Articles, and Conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

JOSEPH B. MCKEAN.

WE Edward Shippen Esquire Doctor of Laws, Chief Justice, and Jasper Yeates, Thomas Smith and Hugh Henry Brackenridge Esquires, Justices of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby Certify that we have perused and examined the Instrument above written, and concur with the Attorney General in Opinion that the objects, Articles and Conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful.

EDW. SHIPPEN

J. YEATES

THOMAS SMITH

H. H. BRACKENRIDGE

Inrolled in the Rolls Office in Commission

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[SEAL] Witness my Hand and Seal of Office

This 13th. day of May 1802

T. MATLACK M. R.

[Indorsed]

PENNSYLVANIA ss:

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Thomas McKean Governor of the said Commonwealth to Timothy Matlack Esquire, Master of the Rolls in and for the said Commonwealth:

Whereas it has been duly certified to me by Joseph B. McKean Esquire Attorney General of the said Commonwealth and by Edward Shippen Esquire Doctor of Laws, Chief Justice and Jasper Yeates, Thomas Smith, and Hugh Henry Brackenridge Esquires Justices of the Supreme Court

of Pennsylvania, that they have perused and examined the within Act or Instrument for the incorporation of the Law Library Company of the City of Philadelphia and that they concur in Opinion that the objects, Articles and Conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful: Now know You, that in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, I have transmitted the said Act or Instrument of incorporation unto You the said Timothy Matlack, Master of the Rolls aforesaid, hereby requiring You to enroll the same at the expence of the Applicants to the intent that according to the objects, Articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, the Parties may become and be a Corporation or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style and title in the said Instrument provided and declared.

Secy fee paid Given under my Hand and the Great Seal
1 Dollar of the State at Lancaster the twenty-seventh
day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and two, and of the Commonwealth the Twenty
sixth.

THOS. MCKEAN

By the Governor
T. M. THOMPSON, *Sec.*

FIRST BY-LAWS

(1803.)

At a meeting of the directors of the Law Library Company at the office of Edw. Tilghman, Esquire, on the 27th day of July, 1803.

Present

Messrs. Tilghman,
Lewis,
Moylan,

Rawle,
Hopkinson,
Wallace.

The following by-laws were agreed on by the directors, for the government of the company.

Of the Treasurer.

At the first meeting of the directors after their annual election, they shall appoint a treasurer whose duty it shall be to receive and keep the monies belonging to the company; to pay the debts due therefrom so far as he shall have funds in his hands; to keep fair and regular accounts of his receipts and expenditures with the vouchers attending the same—he shall attend at the library on the first day of March term in every year to receive such annual subscription as may be ordered to be collected by the directors.

The Treasurer shall also act as secretary to the directors; keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and summon the directors when required by any two of the directors.

Of the Librarian.

A librarian shall be appointed at the same time, removable at pleasure. It shall be his duty to attend to the safe keeping and due preservation of the books belonging to the company, and in all respects to conform himself to the direction of the directors. He shall serve the notices to summon the directors to meet, when required.

He shall receive a compensation of thirty dollars per annum for his services, payable ten dollars each term.

Of New Members.

Gentlemen of the Bar of Pennsylvania may be admitted members of the company with the approbation of a majority of the directors on payment of twenty dollars. This regulation shall continue in force for two years, unless sooner repealed, and no longer.

Of the Transfer of Shares.

Shares in the stock of the company shall not be transferred to any persons except to Gentlemen of the Bar of Pennsylvania; nor to them unless the person to whom the transfer is proposed to be made, be approved by the directors.

BY-LAWS

(Adopted 1805.)

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Shares in the stock of the company shall not be transferred to any persons, except to Gentlemen of the Bar of Pennsylvania, nor to them, unless the person to whom the transfer is proposed to be made, be approved of by the directors.

Of the Annual Payment.

The annual payment to be made by the members shall be two dollars, payable on the 15th day of March, in every year. If any members shall omit to pay it on that day, or within fifteen days thereafter, he shall pay in addition thereto, the sum of one dollar; and if his delinquency shall continue

for three months thereafter, the penalty shall be increased to two dollars; and if such delinquency shall continue for six months, from the 15th March in such year, the name of such delinquent shall be reported by the treasurer to the directors, that order may be taken thereon.

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