

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met

The Memorial of the Directors of the Library
Company of Philadelphia

Respectfully sheweth

That the real Estate belonging to and requisite
for the use and accommodation of the said Library
has from its institution ^{in 1731} under the auspices of the
illustrious Franklin ~~to the present time~~ been wholly
exempt from taxation, untill within the last
seven years those intrusted with the assessment
and collection of the local taxes of the City and
County of Philadelphia have thought it
expedient to assess and collect City & County
Heath and poor taxes from the Building wherein
their Books and Philosophical apparatus are
kept and the lot adjacent thereto

That in consequence of a representation made to
the legislature ~~your honorable houses~~ at their last Session
a bill was passed by the house of Representatives
exempting said property from taxation but
from some cause unknown to your memorialists
the same was negated by the

Our memorialists apprehend that when ~~the~~ its
general utility of ~~this Institution~~ and the ^{this Institution}
broad and liberal basis on which ~~it~~ ^{it is} founded ^{granting their request}
it will be manifest that no injurious precedent ^{can be afforded by}
carefully explained and illustrated ^{thinking} ~~no further~~
objection will exist to renewing under the
authority of the State an immunity from
taxation warranted by ~~the~~ common consent of
~~their fellow citizens~~ and ^{sanctioned} ~~warranted by~~ ~~an~~
uninterrupted usage during the greater part
of a century

They therefore pray that a law
may be enacted exempting the said Building
and lot from Taxation

Attest

Ben^o. Polhoga Sec^y