

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