

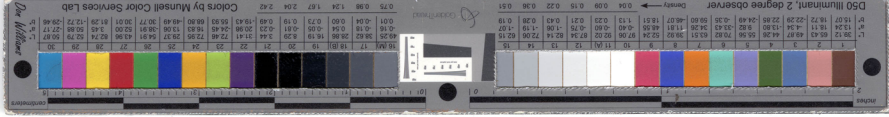
To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met

The Memorial of the Library Company of Philadelphia
Respectfully Sheweth

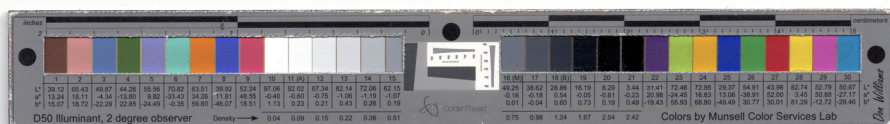
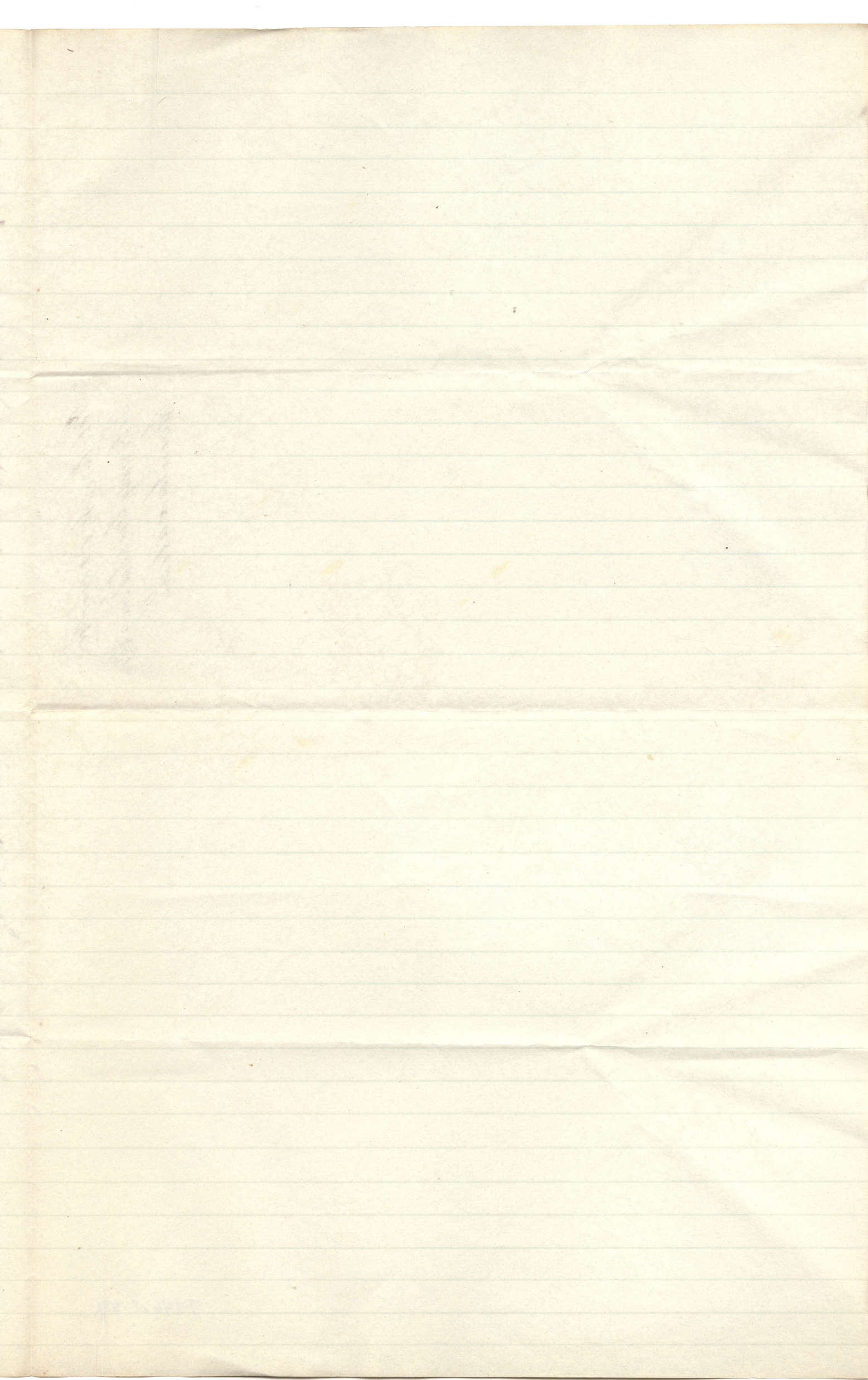
That by an act of General Assembly passed on the ninth
day of March 1826 the hall of the Franklin Institute, the building
wherein the Books belonging to the Library Company of Philadel-
phia and the Loganian Library are deposited together with the
Books and other property of the said Institutions and the lots
of ground whereon the said hall and building are erected
were exempted from taxation for seven years

That from the heavy local taxation of the City of Philadelphia
the Library becoming again subject to taxation will much
retard if not finally prevent a further increase of its books
That altho the use of them within it has always been afforded
as well to Strangers as to all Citizens of the United States
its benefits owing to their vicinity are more accessible
to the neighbouring inhabitants than to others it appears
peculiarly unjust that it should be burdened with their
local taxation when by the liberality of the general government
its importations of books are wholly exempted from duties
Believing that few Institutions exist among us so eminently
conducive to the promotion of the arts and sciences and the
gratuitous instruction of the poor objects so forcibly expound
in the legislation by the provisions of our constitution we
cannot doubt your honorable houses will consider it proper
to exempt their lot building and books from all present
and future taxation

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray &c.



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Nubrahy building for
from the station