



Amendments to the Charter of The Library
Company of Philadelphia.

I. The Library Company of Philadelphia shall hereafter be held and taken to possess all such powers and capacities as may be necessary to enable them to act as Trustees under the Will of the late Dr. James Rush according to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth approved on the Twenty-third day of February One thousand eight hundred and seventy (1870), entitled "An Act relative to The Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library".

II. So long as the Library Company shall act as such Trustees they shall do so, under the following limitations and conditions:

First: Not more than one-fourth of the directors of the library shall belong to any one of the three learned professions, of law, theology, or medicine. But this shall not operate so as to exclude any of the present members from re-election.

Second: The number of shares in the library shall be limited to those actually issued at the time of the death of the said Dr. James Rush.

But the managers, by their by laws, shall have the authority to allow any respectable persons depositing an amount and paying an annual sum to be fixed by the Board of Managers, to have the full and free use of the library, as completely as if they were shareholders.

Third: The library shall not connect themselves with any other body, corporate or politic.