



To the Honorable the Court of Common
Pleas for the City and County of
Philadelphia

The Memorial of The Library Company of
Philadelphia respectfully represents to
your Honorable Court that by an Act of
Assembly entitled "An Act Relative to
the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia
Library" approved the twenty third
day of February A. D. 1840. it was
enacted, "that the Library Company
of Philadelphia be, and they are hereby
authorized to act as Trustees for the
Ridgway branch of the Philadelphia
Library and the trusts pertaining
thereto, under the last Will and
Codicils of James Rush, late of the
City of Philadelphia, Doctor of medicine
upon the conditions and provisions
therein contained, without limitation
as to the yearly value or income of
the said trust estate, but in such
manner that the real and personal
property of the Company, including such
books, pictures, statues and other works
of literature and art as now are or
shall hereafter be held by them in