



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

The petition of the Library Company of Philadelphia

Respectfully represents,

That they were created a body corporate by letters patent
granted by John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn
true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania
and Counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware
and bearing date the twenty fifth day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two.

That at a meeting of the members of the said
Company, duly convened on the fifth day of May AD 1873
it was resolved, "That the Directors be authorized to
"apply to the Court of Common Pleas for an alteration of the
"Charter of the Company, so as to enable the Directors with
"the assent of a general or special meeting of the members, to
"increase the annual payment on each share to such a sum
"as may be expedient from time to time"

Your petitioners therefore pray that the following
amendment may be made to the Charter of the said Company
according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and
provided, to wit.

"The Directors of the said Library Company of Philadelphia
"shall have full power and authority from time to time,