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Assembly of the Commonwealth approved the 23^d
day of February 1870 entitled an Act relative
to the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia
Library.

Resolved, That the Directors be requested to apply
to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia
County for the following Amendments to the Charter
of the Company

PROPOSED 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 the Commonwealth,
approved on the twenty-third day of February, one thousand
eight hundred and seventy (1870), entitled "An Act rela-
tive 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 profes-
sions of law, theology or medicine; but this shall not operate
so as to exclude from re-election any of those who were mem-
bers of the board at the time of the death of the said Dr. James
Rush.

Second. The number of shares in the Library shall be
limited to those actually issued at the time of the death of
Dr. 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.

Resolved, That in assuming the administration of
this munificent endowment the Library Company
desire both to record their high appreciation of
the confidence reposed in them by Dr. Rush and
to express on behalf of the Community at large
a proper acknowledgment of the great benefit
which the testator designed for the advancement of
literature and science in this City.

Resolved, That the Chairman be requested
to communicate to Henry J. Williams Esq These
Resolutions and to convey to him at the same
time the thanks of the Library Company for his

