

In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in and
for the Eastern District.

IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE SAID COURT:

The Library Company of Philadelphia bring this their bill
against Henry J. Williams, Esquire, and thereupon complain as
follows:—

I. On the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1742, John,
Thomas and Richard Penn, proprietaries of Pennsylvania, by
letters patent, reciting that Benjamin Franklin, and others
therein named, had, "at a great expense, purchased a large
and valuable collection of useful books, in order to erect a library
for the advancement of knowledge and literature in the city
of Philadelphia," created a body corporate by the name of
"The Library Company of Philadelphia," by virtue of which
said letters patent, and of certain supplemental acts of the
Legislature, to all of which reference is craved if necessary, the
complainant now exists as such body corporate.

II. In addition to the original foundation of the said corpora-
tion, it is the trustee, under the will of James Logan, of certain
real estate, and of a collection of books known as the Loganian
Library. This real estate and collection of books were, by
indenture dated the 25th of March, 1760, conveyed by the
executors of James Logan to William Allen and others, in
trust, for certain purposes therein set forth. An addition to

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