

The said act was accordingly presented to the Legislature, passed as it was so originally drafted, and finally approved on the 23d of February, 1870. It is as follows:—

#### AN ACT

Relative to the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* 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 their own right or on any other or different trusts, shall be in no wise affected thereby, but shall remain and be under their own entire and exclusive control and disposition; and the said company are hereby empowered, after acceptance of this act by the members of the said company, to apply from time to time to the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, for such further amendments to the charter of the company as may be necessary to carry into effect the conditions and provisions of the said will and codicils in accordance with the directions of this act.

3. After the passage of this act, at a meeting of the said members, duly convened on the 25th of May, 1870, the following resolutions were adopted:—

“*Resolved,* That the Library Company of Philadelphia do accept the provisions of the act of General Assembly