

it to a conveyance of the lot and building, and of the unexpended residuary estate, it answers :—

1. At a duly convened meeting of its members on October 20th, 1869, it was duly "*Resolved*, That the stockholders of the Library Company of Philadelphia do hereby accept the legacy of Dr. James Rush according to the terms expressed in his will."

Part of these terms was that it should, either by an alteration in its charter or in some other way satisfactory to the executor, bind itself to conform to and comply with certain express conditions, and it was advised by counsel that the right of the legislature to directly amend its charter was doubtful, but that the purposes of the will might and would be more properly attained by an act authorizing it to accept the bequest, to act as trustee under the will, and afterwards, to apply to the courts for such amendments to its charter as might be necessary to this end.

2. Such an act was accordingly presented to the legislature, passed, and was finally approved on February 23d, 1870. (It is set out in full in the draft of deed hereto annexed.)

3. After the passage of this act, at a duly convened meeting of its members on May 25th, 1870, it was *Resolved*, *inter alia*, to accept the provisions of said act, and that the directors be requested to apply to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County for certain amendments to the charter.

4. In pursuance whereof a memorial was, on October 31st, 1870, presented to the said court, and on December 10th, 1870, it was decreed that the charter of said company be amended as follows :—

"1. 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, accord-