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LIBRARY.

HE Library-Company was formed in 1731, by Confitutions or Articles entered into by 50 Persons, each obliging himself to pay 40 s. for purchasing the first Parcel of Books, and 10 s. per Annum, to desray Charges, and encrease the Library. In 1742, a Charter was obtained, with Power to make Laws, &c. which are prefixed to this Catalogue.

Ten Directors or Managers of the Library, and a Treafurer, are chosen yearly by Vote, at a General Meeting of

the Company.

The Number of Members are now encreased to about 100. Persons inclining to be admitted, apply to any one of the Directors, who nominate them at the next monthly Meeting of Directors; and being allowed, and paying to the Treasurer the Value of a Share at the Time, and signing the Articles, they become Members.

Any Member may borrow a Book for two, three or four Weeks, leaving his Note for double Value, and paying a small Penalty if 'tis not returned at the Time agreed; which Penalties are applied to defraying Charges, or purchasing

more Books.

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