

Name of the
company.

Power to
hold lands,
&c.

Power to
sue, &c.

To have a
common
seal.

Power to
meet and
make laws.

Quorum.

len, Joseph Peters, Richard Peters, Thomas Clay, Phineas Bond, Israel Pemberton, jun., Robert Greenway, William Crosthwaite, William Callender, George Emlen, jun., Isaiah Warner, Tench Francis, James Bingham, Charles Meredith, Samuel M'Call, Hugh Davy, Amos Strettell, Benjamin Shoemaker, Joseph Hatton, Andrew Hamilton, Thomas Bond, and William Peters, and such other persons as shall hereafter be admitted, or become members of *The Library Company of Philadelphia*, according to the laws and constitutions of the said company, hereafter to be made, be, and for ever hereafter shall be, by virtue of these presents, one body corporate and politic in deed, by the name of *The Library Company of Philadelphia*; and them by the name of *The Library Company of Philadelphia*, one body politic and corporate in deed and in name, we do for us, our heirs and successors, fully create, constitute and confirm by these presents; and that by the name of *The Library Company of Philadelphia*, they shall have perpetual succession; and that they, by the name of *The Library Company of Philadelphia*, be, and at all times hereafter shall be, persons able and capable in law, to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind or quality soever. And also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign, the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same, by the name aforesaid: And also, that they and their successors, by the name of *The Library Company of Philadelphia*, be, and shall be, for ever hereafter, persons able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any of the courts, or other places, and before any judges, justices and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes and matters whatsoever, and of what nature or kind soever. And that it shall and may be lawful to, and for the said *Library Company of Philadelphia*, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have one common seal for their use, in their affairs; and the same at their will and pleasure to change and alter. And for the well governing and ordering the affairs of the said company, we do, for us, our heirs, and successors, further grant, That it shall and may be lawful for the said company, and their successors, to assemble and meet together on the first Monday in May, in every year, and at such other times as there shall be occasion, at their library, or some other convenient place, due and public notice being given at least twenty days before the times of such meetings; not only of the day, hour and place, of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted at such meeting. And that they, the said company, or one fourth part of them at least, being so met, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions, as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, according to the best of their judgment and discretion, for the government, regulation, and direction of the *Library Company*, and every member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary,