

and such, and so many other officers as they shall think fit; and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estate, goods, lands, revenues, as also all the business and affairs of the said company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and be from time to time inviolably observed, according to the tenor and effect of them, provided that they be not repugnant or contrary to the laws of England, or this government. *Provided always*, That for the increase and preservation of the said library, every member of the said company shall and do pay into the hands of the said company's Treasurer, for the time being, the sum of ten shillings, on the first Monday in May, in every year for ever; and those who neglect so to do, shall pay such greater sum or sums in lieu thereof, at such times, within twelve months then next following, as by the laws of the said company shall be appointed: And that in default of these payments, every delinquent shall forfeit his share in the books and estate of the said company, and be no longer a member. In testimony whereof, we have caused the Great Seal of our said province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS GEORGE THOMAS, Esq. lieutenant-governor, and commander-in-chief of the said province and counties, at Philadelphia, the twenty-fifth day of March, in the fifteenth year of the reign of our sovereign lord king GEORGE the second, and in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and forty-two, by virtue of certain powers and authorities to him for this purpose (*inter alia*) granted by the said proprietaries.

GEORGE THOMAS.

Laws so made, to be binding.

Forfeiture on default.

A.D. 1742.

An act to authorize the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia to increase the annual payment of the Members of the said Company.

WHEREAS, by the charter of the said company, the annual payments directed to be made by its respective members appear limited to the sum of ten shillings, which, from the depreciation of money since the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-two, when the said charter was granted, has become inadequate to the purposes originally intended: *And whereas*, the stockholders in the said company, at a general meeting on the sixteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, instructed the Directors to petition the Legislature to pass a law authorizing the said Directors to increase the said payments to two dollars, and it appears reasonable that the prayer of the said petitioners should be granted.

Section 1. *Be it therefore 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 Directors of the Library Company, for the time being, be, and they are hereby, authorized to increase the annual payments hereafter to be made by the members of the said company,

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