

BY-LAWS.

A Law directing the manner of admitting new members.

IT IS ENACTED by the Library Company of Philadelphia, That no person who shall hereafter become possessed of a share in the books and effects of the said company, shall be thereby entitled to a vote in any of their affairs, or be deemed a member, without first being approved of by the Directors for the time being; nor shall any person, other than the heirs, executors, or assigns of a member of the said company, be entitled to a share in the books, estate and effects of the said company, without paying into the hands of the said company's Treasurer, so much money as in the judgment of the said Directors a share shall then be worth.

None to be admitted, without being first approved, &c.

And it is further enacted, That upon approbation of the Directors, and payment of the said money, the party paying it, shall receive of the Treasurer a certificate under his hand, and the seal of the company, containing the name of the person and the sum paid, the time when, and the account or use for which he paid it: of all which a record shall be made in the records of the said company. Which certificate shall entitle the person therein mentioned, to a share in the company's books, estate and effects, and to be deemed a member.

Treasurer to give a certificate.

Record to be made.

A Law for preserving a just equality among the members, and to prevent the inconveniences that may arise by any persons holding more than one share.

IT IS ENACTED, for the preservation of a just equality among the members of the Library Company, That no person being a member, and holding a share in the library, &c. shall grant, sell, or convey to any other member, or accept of a grant, bargain, sale, or other conveyance or assurance from any other member, of any share or shares in the books, estate, and effects of the said company; on penalty of forfeiting to the company such share or shares, so purchased, sold, granted, or conveyed.

No member shall sell his share to another member, &c.

Penalty.

AND if any member, as executor or administrator of another, or by any other means, come to have in his hands a plurality of shares, he shall not thereby be entitled to more than one vote at elections, or on any other occasion, nor have a right to take out more books at one time than any other member.

No member to have more than one vote, &c.

A Law for regulating elections of officers, and declaring their trust and duty.

For the better preservation of order and government among the Library Company of Philadelphia, and in the use, application and

