

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

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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

Power to
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make laws.

Quorum.

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, and such, and so many other officers as they shall think