

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 forever hereafter persons able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all and 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 and kind soever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Library Company of Philadelphia* and their successors forever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same at their will to change and alter. And for the well ordering and governing 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

