

EXHIBIT No. 16.

Certified Copy of Amendments to Charter (see Exhibit 15) and Petition.

To the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia:—

The memorial of the Library Company of Philadelphia respectfully represents to your Honorable Court, that by an Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relative to the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library," approved the twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1870, it was enacted, "That the Library Company of Philadelphia be, and they are hereby authorized to act as Trustees for the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library and the trusts pertaining thereto, under the last will and codicils of James Rush, late of the City of Philadelphia, Doctor of Medicine, upon the conditions and provisions therein contained, without limitation as to the yearly value or income of the said trust estate, but in such manner that the real and personal property of the Company, including such books, pictures, statues, and other works of literature and art as now are, or shall hereafter be, held by them in their own right, or on any other or different trusts, shall be in no wise affected thereby, but shall remain and be under their entire and exclusive control and disposition; and the said Company are hereby empowered, after acceptance of this act by the members of the said Company, to apply from time to time to the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, for such further amendments to the charter of the Company as may be necessary to carry into effect the conditions and provisions of the said will and codicils in accordance with the directions of this act."

That at a meeting of the members of the said Company, duly convened on the twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1870, it was resolved, "That the Library Company of Philadelphia do accept the provisions of the Act of the General

