John Penn Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esquires

true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of Newcastle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware
To all to whom these Presents shall come **Greeting** **Whereas** Benjamin Franklin Charles Brotkden Robert Grate
William Rawle Anthony Nicholas Thomas Cadwalader William Coleman Thomas Godfrey Henry Pratt Benjamin Pasthall
Joseph Breintnall John Jones jun.r Samuel Dale William Parsons Nicholas Cassell Francis Richardson William Maugridge
David Bush Thomas Hopkinson Philip Syng Jacob Duche Evan Morgan Joseph Fretth John Pasthall Nicholas Hull Thomas
Green Hugh Roberts Benjamin Eastburn Rees Lloyd Alexander Paxton John Roberts Richard Stanley John Nicholas John
Jober Charles Read Daniel Hopkin James Morris Thomas Shaw John Read Joshua Pickey James Hamilton William
Plumsted John Bard Samuel Morris John Stamper Samuel Morris John Griffin Jun.r Langdale Samuel Coates Samuel Rhoads
Joseph King Alexander Graydon James Merrewether Anthony Morris jun.r Tobias Gibson Charles Willing Isaac Williams
William Allen Joseph Peters Richard Peters Thomas Clay Phineas Bond Israel Pemberton jun.r Robert Greenway William Crosthwaite
William Callender George Emlen jun.r Isaiah Warner Tenth Francis James Bringham Charles Meredith Samuel Mc. Call
and Hugh Davy have at a great Expence purchased a large and valuable Collection of useful Books in order to erect a Library for the
advantement of Knowledge and Literature in the City of Philadelphia **Now Know Ye** That We being truly sensible of the
Advantage that may arrise to the People of this our Province by so useful an Undertaking and being willing to encourage the same **Have**
given and granted and by these Presents **do** for Us our Heirs and Successors give and grant That the said Benjamin Franklin Charles
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Davy and such other Persons as shall hereafter be admitted or become Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia according to the
Laws and Constitutions of the said Company hereafter to be made, be and for ever hereafter shall be by virtue of these Presents One Body
Corporate and Politick in Deed by the Name of the Library Company of Philadelphia and them by the Name of **The Library**
Company of Philadelphia One Body Politick 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 by the Name of the Library Company of Philadelphia be and shall be for ever
hereafter Persons able and capable in Law to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded answer and be answered unto defend and be