

To the Honourable John Penn Esquire
Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania &
of the Counties of New Castle, Kent & Sussex
upon Delaware.

The Address of the Directors of the Li-
brary Company of Philadelphia;

May it Please your Honour!

We the Directors of the Library
Company of Philadelphia beg leave to present
our cordial Congratulations to your Honour
on your Appointment to this Government,
and on your safe Arrival.

It gives us particular Pleasure
to see among us, in the Station of Governor,
a Descendant of that Family which has
always favour'd our Institution, & pro-
moted it by their frequent & generous Bene-
factions.

The Encouragements it met with
in it's Infancy have had good Effects, Many
other Libraries after our Example & on our
Plan, have been erected in this & the neigh-
-bouring Provinces; whereby useful Know-
-ledge has been more generally diffused
in these remote Corners of the World.

We therefore flatter ourselves that it will
continue to enjoy the Favour of our honour^d.
Proprietors, & meet with your Honour's Counte-
-nance & Protection during your Adminis-
-tration; in which we sincerely wish you
all Happiness. —

T. H.

Francis Hopkinson

When John Penn, proprietor and governor of Pennsylvania, arrived in Philadelphia in 1763 the Directors of the Library Company sent their greetings. This draft of their address is in the autograph of Francis Hopkinson, the secretary of the Library Company.

Gift of Edwin Wolf 2nd in 1978.

