

Be it remembered,
In Honor of the Philadelphian Youth,
(Then chiefly Artificers)

That in MDCCXXXI

They cheerfully,

At the Instance of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,

One of their Number,

INSTITUTED THE PHILADELPHIA LIBRARY,

Which, though small at first,

Is become highly valuable,

And extensively useful;

And which the Walls of this Edifice

Are now destined to contain and preserve:

The FIRST STONE of whose FOUNDATION,

Was here placed

The thirty-first Day of AUGUST,

Anno Domini, MDCC LXXXIX,

{ Benjamin Gibbs,
2 Josiah Hewes,
3 John Kaighn,
4 Mordecai Lewis,
5 Thomas Morris,
Thomas Parke,
Joseph Paschall,
Benjamin Poultney,
Richard Wells,
Richard Wistlar,

} then being Directors.

Samuel Coates, Treafurer,

William Rawle, Secretary,

Zachariah Poulson, jun^r. Librarian.

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Be it remembered,
In Honor of the Philadelphia Youth,
(Then chiefly Antislavery)

That in MDCCXXXI

They cheerfully
As the Influence of Benjamin Franklin,
One of their Number

INSTITUTED the PHILADELPHIA LIBRARY,
Which, though small at first,
Is become highly valuable,
And extensively useful;

And which the Walls of this Edifice
Are now destined to contain and preserve;

The first Stone of whole Foundation
Was here placed

The thirty-first Day of August,
MDCCXXXIX

Benjamin Gibbs,
Joseph Hewes,
John Keightley,
Mordcai Lewis,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Parke,
Joseph Patchell,
Benjamin Postlemy,
Richard Wells,
Richard Whittier,

then being Directors.

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