

MS. 1. Inscription.

Be it remembered,
In Honor of the Philadelphia Youth,
(Then chiefly American)
That in MDCCXXI
They erected
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 whole Foundation,
Was here placed
The third day of August,
MDCCXXIX

Benjamin Gibbs,
Joseph Hewes,
John Kearsney,
Mordecai Lewis,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Parke,
Joseph Patchell,
Benjamin Pennington,
Richard Wells,
Richard Willist.

then being Directors.

Samuel Coates, Treasurer,
Samuel Rawle, Secretary,
Richard Pennington, Jan. Librarian.

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