

John Penn Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esquires

and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of Newcastle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware
CO all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Whereas Benjamin Franklin Charles Brodhead Robert White
William Rawle Anthony Willing Thomas Cadwalader William Coleman Thomas Woodfin Henry Pratt Benjamin Pasquall
Joseph Brounall John Jones and Samuel Date William Parsons Nicholas Case Francis Richardson William McQuigge
David Bush Thomas Hopkinson Philip Syng Bates Duple Evan Morgan Joseph H. Allen John Parshall Nicholas Smith Thomas
Green Bush Roberts Benjamin Corbitt Henry Lloyd Alexander Paxton John Jones Richard Stanley John Nicholas John
Robert Charles Reed Daniel Drake John James Morris Thomas Jones John Jones Henry James Hamilton William
Plymsted John Reed Samuel Harris John Stanger Samuel Harris John H. Allen John H. Allen Samuel Coates Samuel

defended in all or any the Courts or other places and before any Judges Justices and other Persons whatsoever in all manner of
Actions Suits Complaints Pleas Causes and Matters whatsoever and of what nature or kind soever And that it shall and may be
lawful to and for the said Library Company of Philadelphia and their Successors for ever hereafter to have our town and soil for their use in
their Affairs and the same at their full and pleasure to manage and alter And for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said
Company We do for the said Company and Successors further grant That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to acquire and meet
together on the first Monday in May in every year and at such other times as there shall be occasion at their Library or some other
convenient place and public Office being given at least twenty days before the time of such Meetings not only of the Day Item and
place of such Meetings but of the Cause thereof and of the Matters to be transacted at such Meetings And that they the said Company or one
part or part of them at least being present in person or by proxy duly constituted in Writing shall have full power and Authority from time
to time to make constitute and alter such Laws Statutes Orders and Constitutions which shall appear to them at the Discreet Part of
them to be good useful honest and just being according to the best of their Judgement and discretion for the Government Regulation and
Direction of the Library Company and every Member thereof and for the appointing and regulating the Election or Nomination of
Directors Treasurers Librarians Secretaries and such and so many other Officers as they shall think fit and for limiting and appointing their
Trust and Authority and for the admitting new Members and to do all things concerning the Government Estate Goods Lands Revenues
or all the Business and Affairs of the said Company All which Laws Statutes Orders and Constitutions so to be made as aforesaid
shall be binding on every Member and be from time to time inviolably observed according to the Honor and Effect of them Provided that they
be not repugnant or contrary to the Laws of England or this Government Provided always That for the Purchase and Preservation of
the said Library every Member of the said Company shall and do pay into the hands of the said Company's Treasurer for the time being the
sum of Ten Shillings on the first Monday in May in every year for each or such greater sum or sum as he shall be directed at such times
within Twelve Months then next following as by the Laws of the said Company shall be appointed And that in default of such Payments
every Delinquent shall forfeit his Share in the Books and Estate of the said Company and be no longer a Member In Testimony
Whereof We have caused the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness George Thomas Esq. our Lieutenant
Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and Counties of Philadelphia and Chester the thirtieth day of August in the fifteenth year of
the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Third And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty One

