

Pennsylvania ss

By the Proprietaries.

Whereas Divers Gentlemen and others Inhabitants of Our City of Philadelphia having formed themselves into a Society for the Improvement of useful knowledge by laying the foundation of a Library or Collection of necessary Books for the laudable purpose and having by some of their Members laid before us their intention of building a convenient House for the security of their Books and also to accommodate the Society upon such occasions as may Require their assembling together Did thereupon Request Our Grant of a lot or piece of Ground within Our said City for the same purpose. We favouring the said request do hereby authorize and require thee to survey or cause to be surveyed unto William Allen, James Hamilton, William Plumstead, and Benjamin Franklin a Lot or piece of Ground on the South side of Chesnut Street and on the West side of a Lot already surveyed to John Salkeld, to contain in front or breadth on the said Street Sixty feet and the same Length with other Lots adjoining and make return thereof for the use of the said Society into Our Secretary's Office in Order for Confirmation. Under the Yearly Quitrent of One Shilling Sterling and in so doing this shall be thy Sufficient Warrant. Given under my Hand and the Lesser Seal of Our said Province at Philadelphia this Tenth day of January Ann. Dom. 1737.

To Benjamin Eastburn Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

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IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this twelfth day of December 1910.

Henry Houck

Secretary of Internal Affairs.