

An Act for incorp
and granting them a

Whereas Abraham Redwood Esq^r has
to be laid out in a collection of useful Books
And having in view but the good of
diffusive as possible To which End James Hon
Isaac William Paul John Shanning John
Daniel Updike Daniel Ayrault Jun^r Ab
Samuel Wickham Thomas Ward Josias S
Lyons Thomas Wickham John Tillingh
Rodman James Honeyman Jun^r Samuel
Gray Joseph Phillips Benjamin Kafron
Gardner Jonathan Nichols Stephen Ward
win them lies to form a Society or Company
which they have accordingly done And with
a Charter of Incorporation And the Applicants
and being willing & desirous to give all power
by Virtue of the Authority reposed in them That
James Honeyman Edward Scott Simon
Shanning Nathaniel Brewster David Sheswell
Daniel Ayrault Jun^r Abraham Gordon
Thomas Ward Josias Lyndon Peter Paul
Wickham John Tillinghast Joseph H
Callender John Bennett Joseph Scott Ebenezer
Turnout Benjamin Wickham John Gardner
others that shall be by them admitted Members
a Body Politick & corporate to subsist about the
Redwood Library and by the same Name shall and
I have hold receive and enjoy Lands Tenements
of Life Lives Years or otherwise & also Goods (wholly
grant let sell or assign the same Lands Tenements
about the same by the Name aforesaid And
Library be and shall be forever here after preserved
unimpaired and be preserved unto the said
Judges Justices and other Persons whatsoever

meeting a Number of Gentlemen whose Names are after inscribed
Charter to constitute & erect a Library in the Town of Newport
with Generosity engaged to bestow Five hundred Pounds Sterling
able for a Publick Library proposed to be erected in Newport afore-
said. Man-kind hath chosen to make this Donation as lasting and
megman Edward Scott Simon Pearce Thomas Moffat John
leel Brunson David (then through) William Vernon John Brown
raham Borden Henry Jollins Joseph Jacob Samuel Rodman
lyndon Peter Bowshara Wickham John Easton Joseph
est Joseph Harrison Clarke Rodman William Vinal Walter
Ward John Fallender John Bennet Joseph Scott Ebenezer
James Searing Samuel Vernon Benjamin Wickham John
son & Patrick Grant have ^{been} invited to join him and as far
for the propagating Virtue Knowledge & useful Learning
near the Society have made Application to this Assembly for
ly highly approving of so noble and generous a Design
Assistance & Encouragement which it is justly Merit
it is hereby Enacted that the said Abraham Redwood
Pearce Thomas Moffat John Brett William Paul John
gh William ^{Vernon} ~~Paul~~ ~~Brett~~ John Brown Daniel Updike
Henry Jollins Joseph Jacob Samuel Rodman Samuel Wickham
Charles Wickham John Easton Joseph Sylvester Thomas
Clarke Rodman ^{William Vinal Walter Rodman} James Honeyman Junr Samuel Ward John
ray Joseph Phillips Benjamin Hazard James Searing Samuel
Jonathan Nichols Stephen Wanson and Patrick Grant and all
of their Company do and they are hereby constituted erected and made
respective hereafter in Deed and Name by the Name of the Company of the
may have perpetual Succession and be Personable and capable in Law
Rights Liberties Franchises & Hereditaments in Fee simple or fee
and other Things of what Nature Kind or Quality soever and also to give
to Hereditaments Goods and Chattels to do and execute all other Things
that they and their Successors by the Name of the Company of the Red-
wood or Persons Able Capable & Liable to sue & be sued plead & be impleaded
in gainst in all or any of the Courts of Law or other Places before any
Manner of Actions Suits Complaints Pleas Causes Matters of every Nature

Kind what ever And that it shall & may be lawful to & for
successors for ever hereafter to have one common Seal for the
to change and alter & And for the well governing & ordering
the duties of the said that it shall & may be lawful for the
on the last Wednesday in Sept^r in every Year to debate this Time
in the said Place in the Town of the report, Due & Publick
such Meetings not only of the Day Time and Place of such
transacted therein. And that the said company or one fourth
duly constituted in Writing shall have full Power and Authority
to make Statutes Orders & Constitutions as shall appear to them
necessary for the Government Regulation and Direction
and regulating the Election or Nomination of Directors
Officers as they shall think fit & for limiting and appointing
and to do all things concerning the Government & Affairs
of the said Company. All which said Statutes Orders and
Member and the from Time to Time made and observed
be not repugnant to the Laws of England or the Colony
infringe the nor the Local of the Company But further
conforming to this Act shall be forth with made out
by his Honor the Governor and registered in the Public

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ful too for the said Company of the Redwood Library and their
Seal for their Use in their Affairs and the same at their Will & Pleasure
in ordering the Affairs of the said Company. Be it further Enacted by
the said Company & their Successors to assemble and meet together
at such Times as they shall think convenient at their Library or any other
Publick Place being given at least five Days Before the Times of
Place of such Meeting but of the Cause thereof and of the Matters to be
done fourth Part of them at least being so met in Person or by Proxy
and Authority from Time to Time to make constitute and establish such
as to them or the Major Part of them to be good and useful Honest and
in the Direction of the Company and every Member thereof and for the appointing
Directors a Treasurer Librarian Secretary and such as on any other
and appointing their Trust & Authority for the admitting New Members
of Estates Goods Lands and Revenues as also all the Business & Affairs
and constitutions to be made as aforesaid shall be taking in every
manner according to the Sense & Effect of them Provided that they
do so And that the Intent hereof may prove more Effectual &
Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that a Charter
be sent and given the Company under the Seal of the Colony signed
to the Publick Records of this Colony —

August 22nd 1747

To the House of Mag^{ts} —

Resolved that the aforesaid paper as an Act of this Assembly

Voted to pass

James Lyndon Cler

In the House of Mag^{ts} Augst 22nd 1747.

Read & concurred with by Ord

Thomas Ward Secy

6th Aug 1917