
BILL.

An Act to provide for the incorporation and better management of Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes.

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the es-
 tablishment of Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes, and for that purpose to provide for the incorporation of such Institutions, and to grant them certain
 5 powers enabling them better to protect their property and manage their affairs: Be it it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

That any number of persons not less than *ten*, having sub-
 scribed or holding together not less than *twenty-five pounds*
 in money or moneys' worth for the use of their intended
 10 institution, may make and sign a declaration in duplicate
 of their intention to establish a Library Association or a
 Mechanics' Institute or both (as the case may be) at some
 place to be named in such declaration, in which they shall
 also state, the corporate name of the Institution, —its pur-
 15 pose, —the amount of money or moneys' worth subscribed
 by them respectively or held by them for the use there
 of, —the names of those who are to be the first Trustees for
 managing its affairs, and the mode in which their succes-
 20 sors are to be appointed, or new members of the corpo-
 ration admitted, or in which By-laws are to be made for
 such appointment or admission, or for any other pur-
 pose or for all purposes, and generally such other partic-
 ulars and provisions as they may think necessary, not
 being contrary to this Act or to law; and one dupli-
 25 cate of such declaration shall then be fyled in the office
 of the Registrar of deeds for the County, by one of the
 subscribing parties, who shall before such Registrar ac-
 knowledge the execution thereof by himself and declare
 the same to have been executed by the other parties
 30 thereto, either in person or by their attorneys; and
 the Registrar shall then keep one of the said dupli-
 cates and deliver the other to the person fying the
 same, with a certificate of the same having been so fyled
 and the execution attested before him; and such duplicate
 35 or any copy thereof certified by such Registrar, shall be
prima facie evidence of the facts alleged in such decla-
 ration and certificate.

Declaration to be made by persons desirous of taking advantage of this Act.

Declaration to be fyled, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That when the formalities afore-
 said have been complied with, the persons having signed
 40 such declaration as aforesaid, and their successors shall
 be a body corporate and politic, and shall have the powers,

Institution incorporated.