

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
HALIFAX MECHANICS' LIBRARY.

A NUMBER of persons formed into an Association for the purpose of creating a Public Library in Halifax, having met on the 17th day of October, 1831, agreed to the following Constitution ; and all who subscribe to it bind themselves to conform to its provisions.

That the Library shall be called "*The Halifax Mechanics' Library.*"

That cases of immorality, insolence, or factious conduct, may occasion the suspension of the privileges of the Library, by a unanimous vote of the Committee ; or the forfeiture of such privileges, by a majority consisting of two thirds of a General Meeting of Shareholders ; such vote to be given by Ballot.

That the majority of the Books purchased for the Library shall be such as treat of useful knowledge.

That the sum which give Subscribers the privileges of the Library shall not exceed Five Shillings per Quarter.

That this Constitution shall not be altered at any Annual or other meeting of Shareholders, so long as ten Shareholders agree to support it.

That all persons becoming Shareholders, shall be shown the Constitution and Rules, and shall subscribe thereto ; and that in case of an infraction of the Constitution, a General Meeting shall be called to redress such infraction ; if redress be denied by the majority of the meeting, the Shareholders, willing to abide by the Constitution, provided they amount to ten persons or upwards, may declare the Society abolished, and proceed to reform it—the Stock to be retained or recovered by them, by virtue of this Constitution, to which all the Shareholders give their assent, and pledge their support at the time of taking shares.