

and therefore united in prospect that it would be right to adopt some measures for reestablishing the same as early as practicable. With these views we are free to propose to the meeting the appointment of a committee to take charge of the books remaining on hand, with directions to make such disposition of those which are damaged as they may judge best and that they be authorized to receive from Friends of this city and elsewhere, donations either in Books or money, to enlarge and increase the usefulness of such an establishment. Joseph Townsend

3rd month 8th 1831

Signed

Hugh Balderson

George Williamson

Daniel Cobb

P.S. Of the Books belonging to the late library there remains ten volumes in good order and between sixty and seventy damaged, which may be if found expedient rebound for about \$35 dollars.

Which being considered was united with and the same friends were continued for the purpose of effecting the objects therein stated.

4th of 8th month 1831 The friends appointed on the subject of the Library informed that considerable attention had been paid to the subject and that the library is now open for the use of our members at the former place (Hugh Balderson's store) and that the number of Books now constituting is greater than before its destruction. The committee however not being in readiness to make a full report were continued to the service

8th of 9th month 1831. The friends appointed on the subject of the Library made the following report viz-

"The committee appointed in the 3rd month last to receive donations towards the reestablishment of the Library and to have such of the damaged Books of the old library repaired as they might judge expedient,

have received contributions from within the limits of our own meeting amounting to One hundred Volumes and One hundred and thirteen dollars. And having addressed communications to some friends of Philadelphia, New York and New Bedford informing them of the loss of our late Library by fire, and of the object of our appointment we have received donations from them amounting to One hundred and thirty six Volumes, also from a friend in Philadelphia the sum of twenty five dollars.

We have paid thirty eight dollars for rebinding fifty one Volumes of the old Library and for a Book Case.

The Library now consists of about three hundred Volumes and there remains in our hands One hundred Dollars to be applied to its enlargement. As we believe a further addition thereto is desirable and that with suitable care and attention it may be obtained, we are free to propose that a committee be appointed for that purpose and to have the general care of the Library; the funds remaining in our hands to be placed at their disposal. And we would recommend that the subscription book which has been used, be kept as a permanent one to record the donations of all those who may be disposed to encourage the undertaking. We also offer for the consideration of the meeting the annexed rules for the government of the Library. Joseph Townsend George Williamson Hugh Balderson Daniel Cobb

P.S. This former Library contained only about two hundred Volumes and appears to have had its origin in the year 1800 at which time One hundred and ninety Eight dollars were subscribed for the purpose of commencing the establishment.

Baltimore 9th month 7th 1831.