

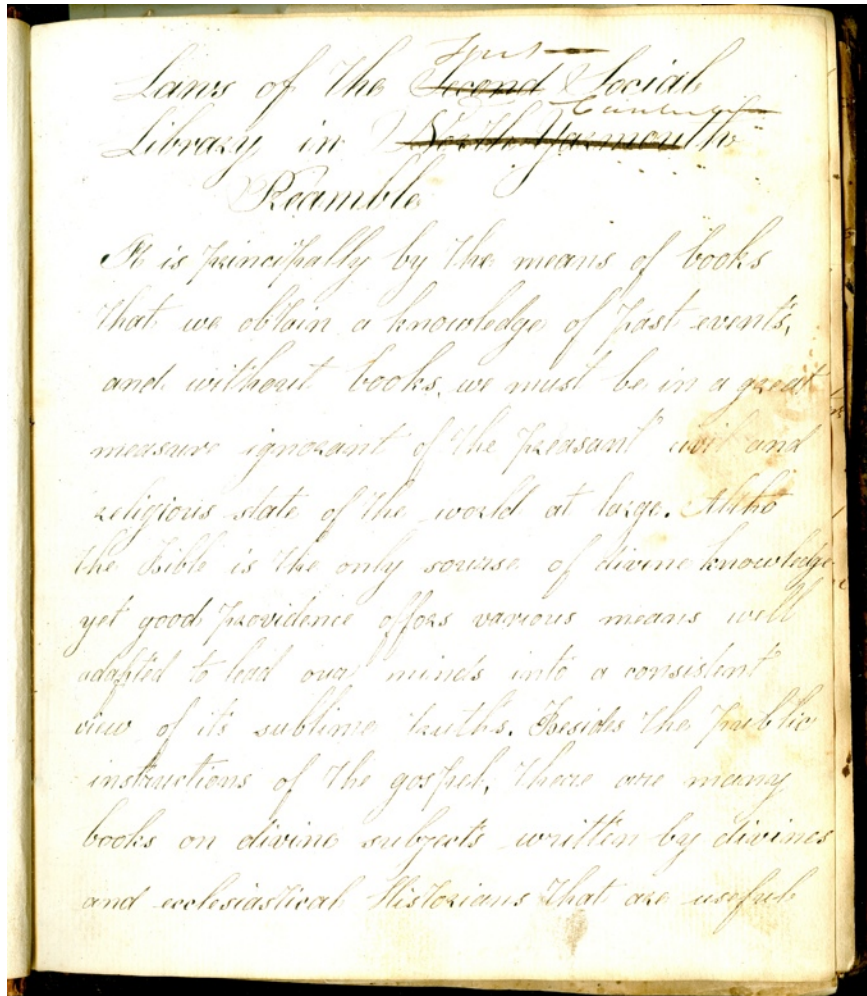
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In North Yarmouth
Founded December 1793
Incorporated January 13th 1817

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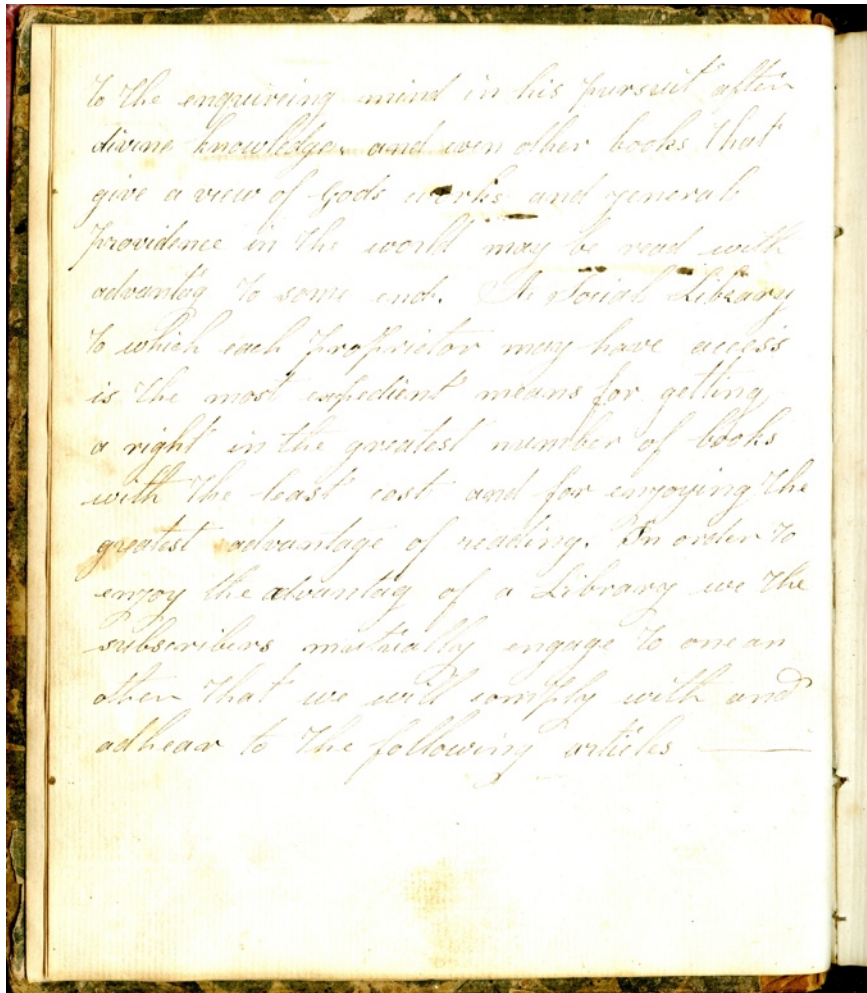
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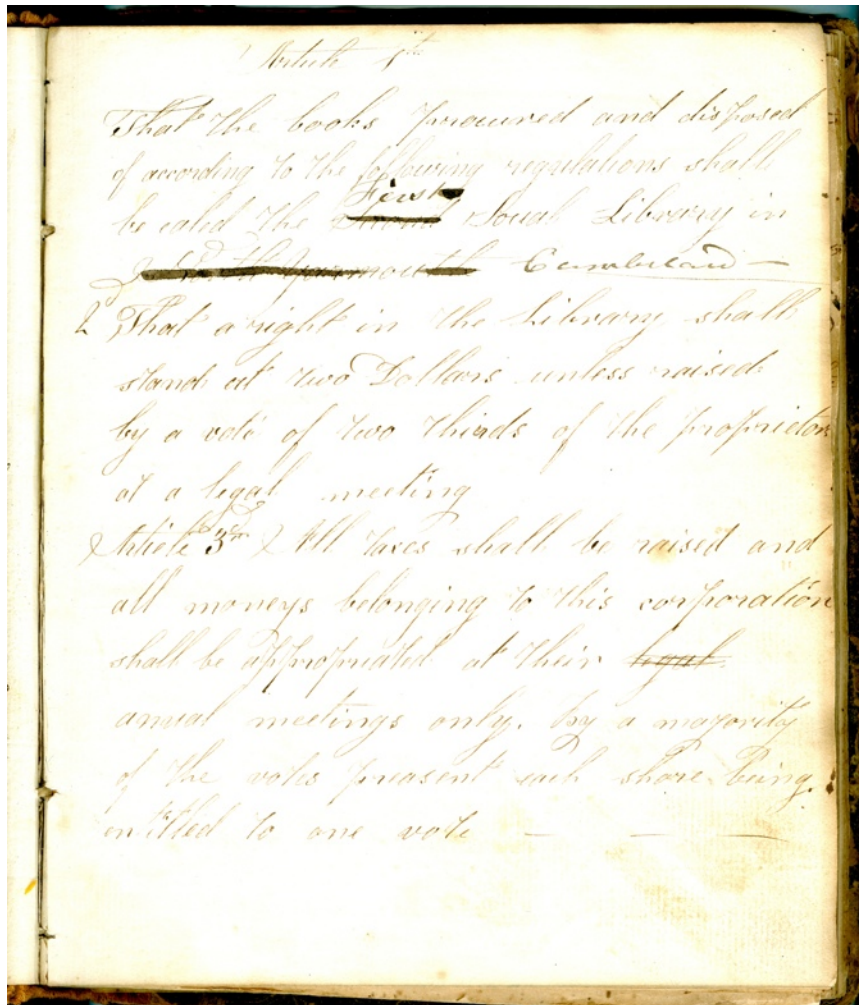


First
Laws of the ~~Second~~ Social
Cumberland
Library in ~~North Yarmouth~~

Preamble
It is principally by the means of books
that we obtain a knowledge of past events,
and without books, we must be in a great
measure ignorant of the preasant civil and
religious state of the world at large. Altho
the bible is the only source of divine knowledge
yet good providence offers various means well
adapted to lead our minds into a consistent
view of its sublime truths. Besides the public
instructions of the gospel, there are many
books on divine subjects written by divines
and ecclesiastical Historians that are useful



to the enquiring mind in his pursuit after divine knowledge, and even other books that give a view of Gods works and general providence in the world may be read with advantage to some end. A Social Library to which each proprietor may have access is the most expedient means for getting a right in the greatest number of books with the least cost and for enjoying the greatest advantage of reading. In order to enjoy the advantage of a Library we the subscribers mutually engage to one another that we will comply with and adhere to the following articles.



Article 1st

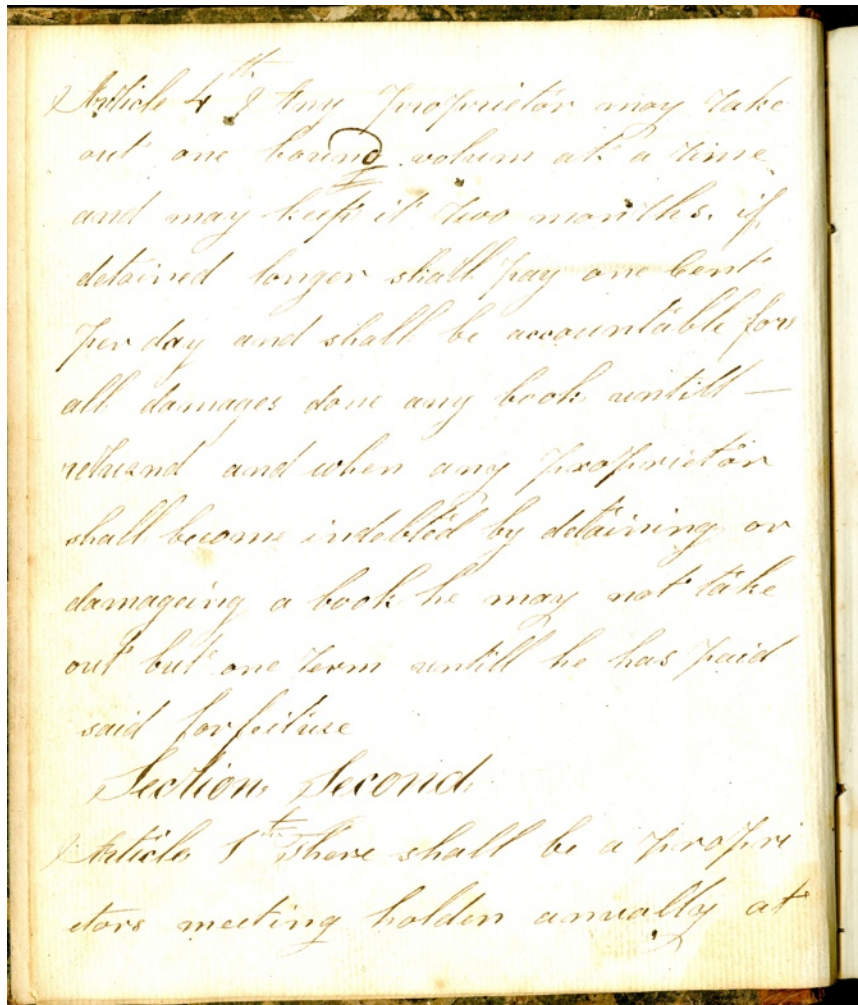
That the books procured and disposed of according to the following regulations shall

First

be called the ~~Second~~ Social Library in ~~North Yarmouth~~ Cumberland

2^d That a right in the Library shall stand at two Dollars unless raised by a vote of two thirds of the proprietors at a legal meeting

Article 3^d All taxes shall be raised and all moneys belonging to this corporation shall be appropriated at their legal annual meetings only. By a majority of the votes preasent each share being entitled to one vote.



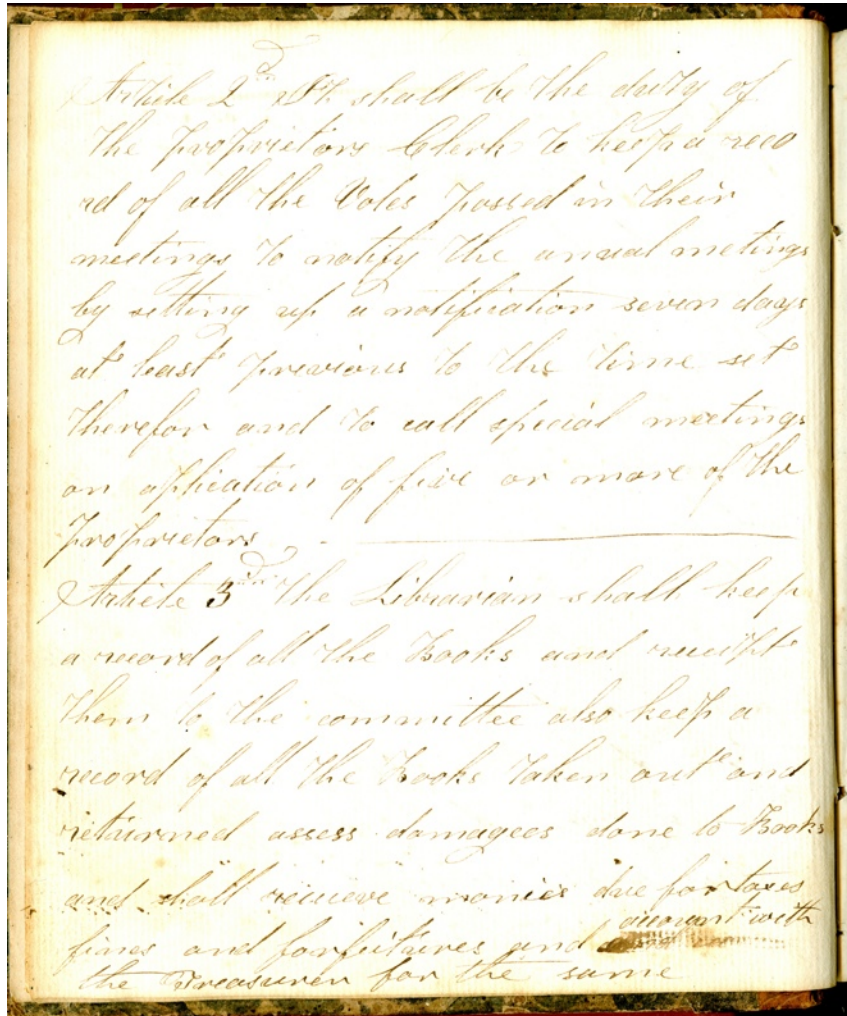
Article 4th Any proprietor may take out one bound volume at a time and may keep it two months, if detained longer shall pay one Cent per day and shall be accountable for all damages done any book untill returned and when any proprietor shall become indebted by detaining or damaging a book he may not take out but one term until he has paid said forfeiture

Section Second

Article 1st There shall be a proprietors meeting held annually at

Some convenient place
at the House of the Librarian on
Christmas evening unless it should
fall on Saturday or Sunday then the
Monday evening succeeding
at which time they shall chuse
a Moderator for said meeting a
Librarian Treasurer and Standing
Committee of three to manage the
concerns of said Library and all such
officers as shall be thought necessary
which meeting together with all
other meetings of the proprietors
shall be notified in manner hereafter
expressed and no meeting shall be
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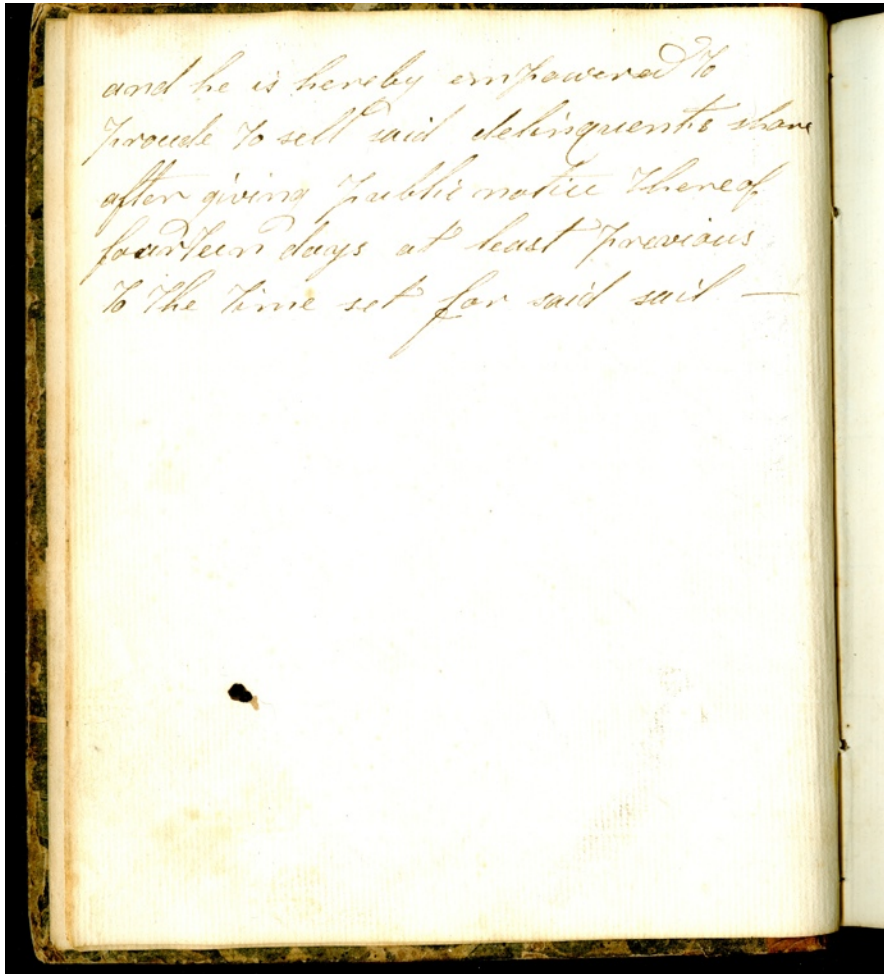


Article 2^d It shall be the duty of the proprietors Clerk to keep a record of all the Votes passed in their meetings to notify the annual meetings by setting up a notification seven days at least previous to the time set therefor and to call special meetings on application of five or more of the proprietors.

Article 3^d The Librarian shall keep a record of all the Books and receipt them to the committee also keep a record of all the Books taken out and returned assess damages done to Books and shall receive monies due for taxes fines and forfeitures paid and account with the Treasurer for the same

Article 4th The Treasurer shall receive
and receipt all monies in behalf
of the proprietors and account with
them at their annual meeting
Article 5th The Standing Com
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otherwise and shall neglect to pay
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and he is hereby empowered to proceed to sell said delinquent's share after giving public notice thereof fourteen days at least previous to the time set for said sail.