In the case of the death of my said nephew without leaving a child or children or of the death of the child or children he may have had under the age of twenty-one years or of either of them becoming the whole of my property subject to the annuity of one hundred pounds to John Baillie, and for the security and payment of which I make this my last will to continue in the custody of the united states of america to found at Philadelphia, until the same shall be distributed in such manner as to the executive for the education of my nephew as differences of knowledge among men.

I think proper to state that all the money that will be standing at the death of my said nephew at the age of twenty-one years or of either of him, shall be delivered to the trustees of the united states of america to found at Philadelphia, until the same shall be distributed in such manner as differences of knowledge among men.

James Smithson
1 Sovereign, Great Britain, 1838

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