

MANNERS

vs.

HENRY J. WILLIAMS AND THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF
PHILADELPHIA.

BRIEF OF THE LIBRARY COMPANY,
APPELLEE.

On the twelfth page of the record in this case, the appellants, in referring to the decision in the Court below, say:—

“No opinion was read or filed.”

And again, on page 39—

“No opinion was filed in the Court below, and it is difficult to imagine reasons where none exist.”

Hence one would naturally infer that the decree below was entered *sub silentio*.

But *the fact was* that a careful oral opinion was delivered by the Court (as has been the usage in England for hundreds of years, and is to this day) by the learned President Judge, who delivered the opinion of the whole Court. A dozen newspapers contained a report of it, and the best of them is, perhaps, the following from the *Public Ledger*:—

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