

number of its volumes—but upon their intrinsic value, and I wish this principle to be carried out by the managers, who, I hope, will never be influenced by the too common ambition for mere numerical superiority.

*Sixth.* I give and bequeath all my pictures, my private library, my manuscripts, copyrights, and papers, and also those of my father, Dr. Benjamin Rush (in my possession) to the Library Company, to be by them placed in a room in the new building, and there safely kept. The books may be used as the other books of the Library Company, but this room is not to be opened to gratify idle or objectless curiosity. 5 10

*Seventh.* I will and direct that the building to be erected for the Philadelphia Library Company, under the provisions of my will, shall have a basement story, of a height not less than eight feet six inches above the level of the pavement at its front, leaving the height of such basement in the rear to depend upon the grade for the drainage of the lot. The entrance to the front of the story, immediately above the basement, shall be by a broad flight of stone steps. Other entrances may be made in such places or manner as convenience or necessity may require. 15 20

*Eighth.* If the Philadelphia Library Company should omit or decline to accept my residuary estate on the terms and conditions in my will and codicils contained, or fail to comply with any of the preliminary stipula- 25