

JUNE 7th, 1877.

SIR:—I am instructed, by the directors of the Philadelphia Library Company to send you the enclosed resolution, which was passed this morning at a meeting of the board.

The questions connected with taxation therein referred to will, it is expected, take the form of a bill filed to restrain the Collector of Delinquent Taxes from proceeding, as he threatens, to collect taxes upon the assessed value of the library building, and it is hoped that such action will be had as will obtain their settlement by the Supreme Court during the ensuing autumn. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM HENRY RAWLE.

HENRY J. WILLIAMS, Esq.

RESOLUTION ENCLOSED.

*Resolved*, That the secretary address to Mr. Williams an acknowledgment of his communication of the 4th instant, and inform him of the existence of the questions connected with taxation, of which a decision is expected in September next, and that if decided in favor of the exemption of the property of the library company, the likelihood that the members will accept the trust of the Rush bequest will be considerably increased, and therefore that a postponement of a decision by the library company, if agreeable to Mr. Williams, would be advisable.

“And further, what, if any, additional steps are, in his opinion, requisite to enable the library company to accept the trusts of the will of Dr. Rush.”

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GENTLEMEN :—I acknowledge the receipt of the letter of your secretary, dated June 7th, 1877, enclosing a resolution of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Library