

He made many inquiries for eligible lots and as to proper places for building. He ascertained that the lot which, in 1860, he had thought sufficient would be too small, and that there would be a great difficulty if not an impossibility in obtaining with the funds he could leave, within the area first designated, such a one as would be required, and therefore, in 1867, removed all restriction as to limits. He was very anxious to have the matter of site determined before his death, and desired me and others to ascertain the size and cost of vacant lots on Broad Street, on which street he particularly desired the building to be placed. I procured descriptions and prices of all I considered suitable, between Vine and South Streets, but he was satisfied with none of them. Another gentleman brought him a plan of the lot at Broad and Christian Streets, and he was so much pleased with it, that he instructed me to buy it, and I did so. The contract was signed on the eighteenth day of May, 1869, and the title papers were directed to be sent immediately to Mr. Henry Wharton for his opinion thereon. A few days after this, the Testator inquired whether I thought the Library Company would make any objection to the site, and I answered that from what I knew of the board, I believed they would not. He asked me to ascertain to a certainty their feelings on this subject, but not being willing that his testamentary intentions should be generally known, he only authorized me to communicate them to two of the managers, viz: Mr. Henry Wharton and Colonel Alexander Biddle, whose opinions I was requested to ask. I desired Colonel Biddle to accompany me to Mr. Wharton's office, and then stated to them that Dr. Rush had given almost his whole fortune, amounting to a million of dollars, to build a library at Broad and Christian Streets, and asked them if they thought the Library Company would object to that location. They declared that, considering the magnificence of the gift, the Library Company ought not, and they believed would not, make any objection to his wishes as to its position. Dr. Rush, to whom I immediately returned, was informed of the result of the interview—was greatly pleased, and having obtained the views of three members of the board, appeared entirely satisfied. Had he known that his wishes, thus

