

On the 6th August, 1869, Mr. Williams wrote to Mr. Fraley, Chairman of a Sub-Committee of Stockholders, page 128 of Examiner's Report, as follows:—

"With regard to the site of the building, I thought I had, on more than one occasion, expressed myself with sufficient clearness, but I will again repeat that it is my intention to place it on the square at the corner of Broad and Christian Streets. I deem that situation most expedient under all the circumstances of the case, for I consider its distance from the centre of the city as far outweighed by its other advantages, and I have the consolation of knowing that this decision is in entire accordance with the wishes of the testator who selected and purchased this lot for this very purpose in his lifetime. It is his money that I am to spend, and I do not find in his will anything authorizing me to be governed by the opinions of other persons in opposition to his judgment as well as to my own. I should think in so doing I was violating the trust he has reposed in me. I therefore answer your first and second questions, decidedly in the negative."

The Committee of managing stockholders, reported, as to the site, prior to 21st October, 1869, page 137 of Examiner's Report:—

"But the executor of Dr. Rush, both from the expressed wishes of the testator during his life, *as well as from his own judgment of the suitableness of the selected site*, is indisposed to change it."

On pp. 202, 203, 208, and 209, of the Examiner's Report, we find this testimony of Mr. Williams:—

"Q. Since Dr. Rush's death, has any member of the Library Company directed your attention to any lot as suitable for the Library Building, other than one of the lots examined by you prior to his decease?

"A. No, sir. Mr. Fraley mentioned several lots on which he thought a library might be placed, but every one had been examined by me, reported to Dr. Rush, and rejected by him, either on the ground of size or of price.

"Q. Was there not some lot rejected by Dr. Rush which you yourself approved of?

"A. I think not. When I said approved of, I meant with reference to Dr. Rush's will. I knew what he had required me to consider, and except the Deaf and Dumb lot, Mr. Dundas's, the Pennsylvania Railroad lot, and Gen. Patter-

