

you may regard Dr. Rush's views and wishes orally expressed, but, after all, *your* judgment, however it may be made up, must be your guide in matters left to your discretion."

In pursuance of this advice—for I have felt, and still feel, under the obligation of my oath of office, bound to perform my duty in accordance with the *law*—I considered, in all its bearings, without any bias, the matter of the site, but my conviction that it was the one by far the most expedient remained, and still remains, unchanged.

Though protesting that the complainants have no concern with or control over my reasons for this decision so long as they are honest, which is not, I believe, denied, yet, in deference to the Court, I will state some of those which influenced me at the outset, and govern me still.

The lot I have selected is bounded by Broad and Thirteenth, Christian and Carpenter Streets. It has a front on Broad Street of 299 feet 5 inches; a depth along Carpenter and Christian Streets of 527 feet, and contains about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres. It cost about \$132,000. It was Dr. Rush's desire that I should erect a building upon a general plan which he described to me. It was to be of the Greek Doric order—to consist of a centre building with two wings—the former to have eight, and each of the latter four, columns in front. The details were left entirely to me. This plan, the architect, Mr. A. Hutton, tells me, will require, according to the drafts prepared by him and approved by me, a front of at least 220 feet. All efforts in other libraries to give sufficient light from the roof alone having signally failed, as I have learned from personal examination and correspondence, an additional space of 50 or 60 feet will be required to give side lights, so that a lot of from 260 to 275 feet is absolutely necessary, in my judgment, for the building I am required to construct.

The testator's "cardinal intent" was, that a building should be erected by me sufficiently large to accommodate for all time the books of the Philadelphia Library, such as would be an ornament to the city, and a lasting monument to his wife and her father. Broad Street, in my opinion, is infinitely preferable

