

Biddle to go over with me and explain the matter to Mr. Gummey. Two or three days after that, Mr. Williams called with Mr. Biddle at my office, then in Walnut Street below Sixth, and told me that there was a lot at the corner of Broad and Christian Streets that would answer the purposes of the Library. I don't remember that he told me the dimensions or the price. I said I did not believe the stockholders would consent to move the Library to that situation. He then, after some hesitation, said that he was going to communicate to me in confidence a matter affecting the Library, which was that Dr. Rush had devised by his will to the Library Company a lot of ground upon which they should build their fire-proof building. That he now desired to make the purchase in his lifetime, and had bought for this purpose this lot at Broad and Christian Streets—before this time I had learned from Mr. Williams that Dr. Rush was exceedingly ill. Mr. Williams then went on to say that this lot had not been selected by himself, but had been brought to Dr. Rush's attention by Mr. Craven. Up to this time I had never heard of any intention of Dr. Rush to give anything to the Library. I certainly never imagined that while we were looking out for lots of ground, we were doing it on Dr. Rush's behalf. I still expressed my doubts as to the stockholders being willing to move to Broad and Christian Streets. Then Mr. Williams said to me in substance that if the Library Company would accept this lot upon which Dr. Rush had set his heart, he intended to endow the Company with the bulk of his fortune. I did not then know what Dr. Rush's fortune was. It was generally estimated at more than a million of dollars. I understood the endowment to be intended for the purchase of books. I did not understand that it was meant for the erection of a fire-proof building. We had been speaking of a lot for the Library, for building on which they had special funds of their own. No reference was made by Mr. Williams when he was speaking, to any such purpose of the endowment.

(Mr. Junkin objects to the foregoing as not being testi-

