

A. Mr. Williams came into my office with Mr. Biddle, on some day in May, 1869 (I do not remember the exact day), and said that there was a lot at the corner of Broad and Christian Streets suitable for the purposes of the Library. I said that I did not think that the stockholders would consent to move the library building to that location. He then, after a moment's hesitation, told me that Dr. Rush had intended—long intended, I think he said—to give to the Library a lot of ground for the purposes of their fire-proof building, and I think he said either that such a lot was given, or was authorized to be purchased by his will. Wishing to avoid inference, I state this doubtfully, because I may have confused the event with the previous statement, but my recollection is that Mr. Williams said that Dr. Rush had desired to make this purchase of the lot in his lifetime, or before his death, and it had been so purchased, or agreed to be purchased. I still intimated, in words which I cannot recall, my opinion that the stockholders would not be willing to go down to Broad and Christian Streets. Mr. Williams then told me that Dr. Rush, if the Library Company would accept this lot, would endow it with the bulk of his fortune—that he had set his heart on this lot. I am as nearly certain of anything as I can be after such a lapse of time, that Mr. Williams spoke of Dr. Rush's intention to make this endowment, in prospective words. Such I know was my understanding at the time. I may have mistaken Mr. Williams' words, but that was my understanding of them, and upon that, it is my distinct recollection, that in what was subsequently said by me, I acted. Mr. Williams then asked me whether in my opinion the Directors ought not to recommend the stockholders to accept the gift of the lot under such circumstances. I do not recollect that Mr. Williams mentioned any conditions or qualifications about the endowment; indeed I am sure he did not. I then said that I did not think that we, as a Committee of the Board, could bind the Board, but that it was my individual opinion under those circumstances that the stockholders ought to accept rather

