

than the city of Philadelphia should lose so munificent a gift. Mr. Williams then said that Dr. Rush had desired to get the opinion of the Directors on the point, but as that could not then be done, he requested him to speak to the other members of the Committee on Building, which I have before stated consisted of Mr. Williams, Mr. Biddle, and myself. As you have desired I shall give no inference on the subject, I give what passed thus nakedly, without filling up the connecting links, which at present to me are but inferences, but which I believe to be true.

Q. The above, so far as your recollection now serves, is the substance of that conversation?

A. It is the substance of that conversation as far as I can now recall phrases or substantial statements, omitting inferences drawn from previous conversations had with Mr. Williams as a member of the Building Committee of the Library, and the general tenor of the conversation, which I believe I have given correctly in my examination in chief.

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Fifth Meeting, December 15, 1871.

*Present*—Messrs. JUNKIN, JOHNSON, RAWLE, and EXAMINER.

*Mr. Wharton's cross-examination continued.*

Q. In that conversation with Mr. Williams was the word *books* used?

A. I do not think it was. As far as I can recollect, it was not.

Q. Are you certain the word *endow* was used?

A. I think it was, but I cannot be positive as to any single word. It was either that word or some word which produced an equivalent effect on my mind.

Q. Did he say anything about a building?