

A. I recollect Mr. Williams mentioning that there were some articles which Dr. Rush had left in that way, and Mr. Williams remarked that among them were some articles of furniture which Mr. Williams thought would be eventually useful for the Library building. I don't know that I have anything more to say, with any degree of distinctness.

Q. Do you remember any request made by Mr. Williams to be allowed to carry out those verbal directions?

A. I can't say that I do remember it in any distinct form, and yet I don't mean to say that it was not so.

Q. Do you remember that the Company declined to grant any such request?

A. I have no recollection of their declining such a request.

Q. Please state if anything was said as to the right of the Directors to bind the stockholders in accepting the devise and bequest under the will.

A. My impression is, in general conversations that took place—of course very general ones—that we refrained from accepting the bequest in any formal manner, and we felt, and I presume expressed the feeling, that a meeting of the stockholders must be called to accept the gift in a legal and formal manner.

Q. It has been given in evidence that at a meeting of the Directors on the 10th of June, 1870, certain resolutions were adopted, requesting in effect that Mr. Williams would reconsider his intention of building on the lot at Broad and Christian Streets, and that yourself, Judge Hare, and Mr. Lea were appointed a Committee to communicate these resolutions to Mr. Williams, and to confer with him on the subject. Please state what you did in consequence of these resolutions.

A. My impression is that these resolutions were sent by the Secretary of the Board to Mr. Williams. I cannot recollect whether I or the Secretary of the Board sent them. I, however, wrote Mr. Williams a note referring to the resolutions, and asking him, if convenient, to grant us an interview. I received a note from Mr. Williams appointing a time and place for the interview, very gracious and kind in

