

every respect; but inasmuch as Mr. Williams' mind appeared to have been made up on the subject, we thought it unnecessary to trouble him. When I say his mind was made up, I mean as expressed in that note.

Q. What farther communication took place between you?

A. The Committee thought that it would be unnecessary to trouble Mr. Williams with the inconvenience of an interview, and I wrote Mr. Williams a short note, to ask him whether I was to consider the note he had sent me as a formal reply to the Board of Directors. I wrote him, I think, two notes, one in which we declined the interview, saying we feared we should trouble him, and another, in which I asked whether I was to consider his note as a formal answer to the Board, or whether he would write me another.

Q. Was it in answer to that latter note that he wrote the letter of December 30, 1870, printed as Exhibit B to the answer?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Upon the minutes of the Directors, of January 5, 1871, which have been given in evidence, there is the following entry:—

“A Committee appointed at the last meeting to communicate with the Executor of Dr. Rush, reported that a copy of the resolutions of the Board was sent to Mr. Williams, and he was asked to give the Committee an interview. Mr. Williams replied, assenting to the request of the Committee, and naming time and place. The Committee understood him in his reply to express so decidedly that his mind was unalterably made up as to the selection of a site for the building to be erected under the will of Dr. James Rush, that they did not feel entitled to put him to the trouble of an interview, which could apparently lead to no change of purpose. Mr. Williams then addressed the following letter to the Committee,” (and then follows the letter of December 30, 1870, being Exhibit B).

Does that statement from the minutes agree with your recollection as you have just expressed it?