

relation to any information I may be called upon to give. Misapprehension is a frequent result of oral conferences; if, however, the Committee desire a personal interview, I will cheerfully meet them at their convenience.

It is my intention to fulfil to the utmost of my power, and in the most economical way, the directions and views given and expressed to me by Dr. Rush; but I feel that in so doing I must depend upon my own judgment and resources, for I do not expect to seek for sympathy, aid, or assistance in my difficult task, from the Library Company or its Directors, who, so far from expressing any gratitude for the magnificent gift of Dr. Rush, have not after the interval of more than a month been able to decide that it is worth their acceptance. I have already expressed my views on this subject in a letter addressed to Dr. Norris, one of the Board of Directors.

I remain with great respect and regard,

Very truly yours,

HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

July 12, 1869.

EXHIBIT No. 27.

Letter of Frederick Fraley of August 4, 1869.

No. 417 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, August 4, 1869.

Henry J. Williams, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—

The Sub-Committee of the Stockholders and Directors of the Philadelphia Library Company, have received your letter of the 12th of July, 1869, communicating certain information requested by them respecting the bequest made to the Company by the will of the late Dr. James Rush.

From this communication we learn, first, that the present cash value of the estate passing under the will amounts to the sum of \$1,067,000; second, that it is your present intention to erect the proposed Library Building on the lot of ground situate on Broad and Carpenter Streets; third, that although you have not procured or adopted any technical