

If your calculations satisfy the Committee, it is all you can desire, and without in any way admitting their accuracy, I have no wish to disturb your conclusions.

With regard to the site of the building, I thought I had, on more than one occasion, expressed myself with sufficient clearness, but I will again repeat that it is my intention to place it on the square at the corner of Broad and Christian Streets. I deem that situation most expedient under all the circumstances of the case, for I consider its distance from the centre of the city as far outweighed by its other advantages, and I have the consolation of knowing that this decision is in entire accordance with the wishes of the testator who selected and purchased this lot for this very purpose in his lifetime. It is his money that I am to spend, and I do not find in his will anything authorizing me to be governed by the opinions of other persons in opposition to his judgment as well as to my own. I should think in so doing I was violating the trust he has reposed in me. I, therefore, answer your first and second questions decidedly in the negative.

As to the third question, I hope the Committee will excuse me for declining to enter into any stipulations or agreements, expressed or implied, in reference to the size or the cost of the Library building. It is required by the "additional codicil" to be not only large enough to contain their [the Library Company's] present books, but also their probable increase for many years to come; and I am authorized (if I find it necessary) to expend the whole remainder of the estate to accomplish this object. I shall, of course, strive to do so as economically as I can, but I must be allowed to retain the full and free exercise of the direction with which Dr. Rush has invested me, without any other restrictions than those contained in his will.

With great respect and regard, I remain truly yours,

HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

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*Chairman Sub. Com.*

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