

These questions are grave, and should be considered carefully.

In asking you to vote negatively on the first resolution, we are doing what the Directors, in conformity with the opinion of counsel, advised at the meeting of June 29th, 1869. A copy of the resolution then offered by Mr. McCall, on behalf of the Directors, and of the opinion of counsel upon which it was based, are hereto annexed.

The effect of such a vote is not to bind the Company ultimately to reject the trust, but only to leave the question open till the proper time, viz., when the building having been erected and offered, we can ascertain if there are any funds left to maintain it, and what are the conditions and obligations we will assume by acceptance.

If you think there ought to be an immediate acceptance, then we ask you to consider whether you are prepared to agree that all the books of the Company shall be kept at Broad and Christian Streets; if not, and you wish to reserve the right to have some of them kept at a place which is accessible, then we ask you to vote for the fifth resolution.

To sum up—

We would advise that you vote upon the first *four* resolutions, No, and upon the *fifth*, Aye.

The result of this will be, that if contrary to our expectations, a majority should vote to accept the legacy, then the fifth resolution, if carried, will make the acceptance *conditional* on the right of the Library Company to control the location of its own collection of books. On the other hand, if a majority vote to reject the legacy, the passage of the fifth resolution will be merely harmless.

Proxies can be sent to either of the following persons, viz., James S. Biddle, 234 South Third Street; William M. Tilghman, 417 Walnut Street; Richard C. McMurtrie, 416 Walnut Street; Henry M. Phillips, 126 South Sixth Street; S. Kingston McCay, 429 Walnut Street. The proxies should be *witnessed*, as well as signed, and the persons above named,