

EXHIBIT No. 30.

Mr. Williams to Mr. Whitman.

MY DEAR MR. WHITMAN:—

I have received the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Library Company which you were good enough to send me, and beg leave to express my grateful thanks for the kind expressions it contains. I came to the conclusion that it would be better for me to leave the Board after careful and deliberate consideration, and I still adhere to that opinion. There are so many doubts, differences, and difficulties among the members in relation to the bequest of Dr. Rush, its extent, construction, and value, that my presence would only render discussion embarrassing to the Board, and therefore far from agreeable to myself; besides, I learn from the public prints that the Shareholders rejected a resolution directing a copy of their acceptance of Dr. Rush's bequest, with an acknowledgment of their high appreciation of the confidence he had reposed in them and of their cordial willingness to carry out in the most beneficial way his philanthropic intentions, to be communicated to his executor.

Now I do not think it desirable for me to retain a seat at the Board as the representative of those Shareholders, and I must therefore repeat my request that my resignation may be accepted.

I beg you to convey to the Board my best wishes for the prosperity of the Library, and for the welfare and happiness of every individual member.

Very truly yours,

HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

WM. E. WHITMAN, ESQ.,

Secretary.

January 11, 1870.