

EXHIBIT No. 18e.

[At a meeting of the Directors, January 5, 1871,]

The letter of Mr. Williams to Dr. Willing, of December 30, 1870, was read. Prout the same, printed in defendant's answer, p. 29.

"The Committee was then discharged, but the Board considering that the latter part of Mr. Williams' letter should receive some immediate reply, instructed the Secretary to inform Mr. Williams that the members of the Board, as far as in their power, were ready to give their consent to carrying out the wishes of Dr. Rush as expressed in the unsigned papers referred to in Mr. Williams' letter, of which they have now for the first time heard, in such way as counsel should advise; and that they would have expressed their consent previously had they been sufficiently acquainted with the facts mentioned by Mr. Williams."

EXHIBIT No. 38.

Letter of Wm. E. Whitman of January 12, 1871.

PHILADELPHIA, January 12, 1871.

HENRY J. WILLIAMS, Esq.,

DEAR SIR: Your letter of December 30, addressed to the Chairman of our Committee, Dr. Willing, was laid before the Board of Directors of the Library at their meeting on the 5th inst.

I am requested by the Directors to express to you the regret with which they have learned from your letter of the 30th ult. that there has been any misunderstanding about the effects which Dr. Rush desired to be disposed of in the manner you mention.

The impression on the minds of the Directors was that you did intend to follow out the wishes of Dr. Rush in