

those dates upon any subject between Mr. Wharton and yourself.

A. It will be necessary to make a little explanation to show how I can speak confidently with regard to that date. On the 18th of May, Dr. Rush directed me to go and purchase the lot at Broad and Christian Streets from Mr. Charles Smith. I went down to Mr. Castle's, who was the agent of Mr. Smith, and after some conversation purchased the lot. I think it was in the morning. The contract, which I have here, was written by me in my own handwriting. It was drawn up in presence of Mr. Castle, but Mr. Smith was not present, nor did I ever see him with reference to the whole transaction. I gave him (Mr. Castle) a check for \$1000, dated May 18th, and left the check and the unsigned contract with him, to take to Mr. Smith. The date of the contract is filled in in Mr. Castle's handwriting, "May 18th, 1865." The receipt was written in Mr. Castle's handwriting; both signed by Mr. Smith, and both witnessed by Mr. Castle. I will not be sure whether I received this on the same day or the succeeding one, the 19th; but it was delivered by the 19th. According to the best of my recollection, it was two days after that, that Dr. Rush asked me the question whether the Library Company would approve of the location. I answered I could not tell; but if he desired me I could ascertain it, if he would permit me to make known the contents of his will to the Directors. He replied to me, he did not want them all to know it. I suggested that I could make it known to two or three of them, and ascertain their opinion. He said, "Who will you choose?" I answered, "Col. Biddle and Mr. Wharton." Now I am unable to say whether I mentioned to him that those gentlemen composed with me a committee of the Library Company to report on the purchase of a lot. He answered, "Well now, go and do it at once." I said, "Then, Doctor, you must allow me to mention the contents of your will to those gentlemen." He said "Certainly," and I went immediately down to Mr. Wharton's office. It was, therefore,

