

on the 20th or 21st of May that I called on Mr. Wharton. Dr. Rush died at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 26th of May. I am very confident that I did not leave Dr. Rush's bedside from the 20th or 21st of May, except to go and get my meals at my house, till the date of his death, and during that period I was certainly never at Mr. Wharton's office, and believe that I never saw him. I will mention also that during these four or five days I was in momentary expectation of Dr. Rush's death, and I am sure I did not leave his room more than was absolutely necessary.

Q. State whether or not you ever applied to Mr. Thomson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with reference to the purchase of the Company's dépôt on Market Street below Broad?

A. I did not. I don't know Mr. Thomson; I never spoke to him, and should not know him if I met him in the street. I am equally sure I never sent any note to him. I learned the price and size from Mr. Pratt, a real estate agent, and I think I received it before the 3d of May, and I must have communicated it to Mr. Wharton about that time. When Mr. Wharton and myself were appointed a committee to purchase a lot, I was staying at Dr. Rush's house, and at his direction I made inquiries about a great many lots, in which I was assisted by Mr. Pratt, and among them the Pennsylvania Railroad lot. On May 3d, I wrote Mr. Pratt the following note:—

MR. PRATT, 108 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,

*Dear Sir:* The prices at which you say we can have the lots in the plan are so extravagant, that we decline taking them into consideration.

Yours, &c.,

H. J. WILLIAMS.

MR. PRATT.

May 3d, 1869.

I return the plan sent to me.