

used in that letter, I conceive that I expressed to Mr. Pratt the opinion of Mr. Wharton and myself. Col. Biddle paid very little attention to the matter. I know of no lot to which my attention was called after May 3d, nor have I any recollection of conversation with Mr. Wharton after that date, although there may have been, up to my purchase of Dr. Rush's lot. I never saw any report of that committee, and do not know that any was ever made.

Q. Was an effort made, whilst you were thus acting, to ascertain all lots suitable for the Library Building, which could be procured?

A. I did not go below South Street, but between South and Vine, and the Schuylkill and Broad. I walked over the whole of the city, and reported to Dr. Rush every lot which I thought suitable for the Library. Mr. Craven had also been sent out by Dr. Rush for that purpose, and he had examined the lots south of South Street.

Q. Since Dr. Rush's death, has any member of the Library Company directed your attention to any lot as suitable for the Library Building, other than one of the lots examined by you prior to his decease?

A. No, sir. Mr. Fraley mentioned several lots on which he thought a library might be placed, but every one had been examined by me, reported to Dr. Rush, and rejected by him, either on the ground of size or of price.

Q. Was there not some lot rejected by Dr. Rush which you yourself approved of?

A. I think not. When I said approved of, I meant with reference to Dr. Rush's will. I knew what he had required me to consider, and except the Deaf and Dumb lot, Mr. Dundas's, the Pennsylvania Railroad lot, and Gen. Patterson's, they were all too small, and of all these the prices were too high, in my opinion.

Q. Since Dr. Rush's decease, have you examined as to whether there are any available lots suitable, in your opinion, for the Library Building, other than those examined before his decease?