

Q. Do you remember calling with Mr. Williams at Mr. Wharton's office shortly before Dr. Rush's death?

A. I do.

Q. Did Mr. Williams then communicate to you two anything concerning Dr. Rush's testamentary intentions towards the Library Company? If so, what?

A. My recollection is that Mr. Williams wished me to go and see Mr. Wharton in reference to an inquiry which Dr. Rush had authorized him to make of us; that he so told us, and the purport of that inquiry was that Dr. Rush, having designed the erection of a building on a lot on Christian Street, wished to know if the Library Company would be likely to accept the bequest of his estate, saddled with the condition that it was to be erected under his (Dr. Rush's) instructions.

Q. What sort of building?

A. In that and in all conversations I understood that the building was to be a fireproof building, and one of an architecturally ornamental character, and an expensive one. I can't recall how strongly Mr. Williams dwelt on that, but I understood it was to be an expensive building, involving a large portion of his estate.

Q. What was Mr. Wharton's reply?

A. I know that Mr. Williams left the office under the impression (objected to) that he might report to Dr. Rush that the Library would, or ought to, accept, and I think he was so assured by myself that the Library ought to, and I think Mr. Wharton assured him that he thought they would. I think he left the office saying, "I can so report to Dr. Rush."

Q. Was anything said by Mr. Williams at that interview about books, or an endowment for books?

A. I don't recollect anything about books, but I think the estate was so spoken of as to convey the impression that a large residue would be left for Library purposes.