

credit as a master workman—and I am authorised to say, by Mr Long the Architect, it meets with his entire approbation.

The committee also determined at this meeting to employ Mr. Long to give a general supervision to the work until its completion.

A difficulty presented itself as to the proper method of heating the room, and various opinions were entertained upon that subject. That of warming the room with heated air from a furnace fitted up in the cellar immediately under the library, it having been successfully tested in the Capitol at Washington and various public and private buildings in the city of New York and elsewhere—and holding out as it did an assurance of perfect safety and economy, was at the recommendation of Mr. Long, finally adopted.

At the same meeting the undersigned took occasion to call the attention of the deputation to a correspondence between Mr. O. Rich and C. P. Cooper Esquire, Secretary to the Record Commission &c. relative to the British Government presenting to the principal libraries in this country, sets of rare and valuable public records—consisting of “The Statutes of the Realm,” “Doomsday Book,” Rymer’s Collection,” and other ancient documents.

In the selection of libraries to be presented with these works, our institution not being named, the suggestion was respectfully submitted, as to the propriety of their addressing through the librarian, a letter to Mr. Rich on the subject, and to present to the British Government a complete set of our Judicial Reports. These suggestions having met their approbation, the librarian was authorised to open a correspondence with Mr. Rich, when on the same day a letter was addressed to him, and shipped to London, a copy of which is herewith presented—letter A.

On the 1st of October last, I had the pleasure to receive an answer to my letter of 24th June, which is now presented to your committee, letter B—from a perusal of which, you will find the suggestion met with the polite and prompt attention of Mr. Rich, and