

N. F. Williams, William P. Whyte, Thomas Wilson, Rt. Rev. W. R. Whittingham, Samuel G. Wyman, S. Teackle Wallis, John White, Nathaniel Williams, Thomas Whitridge, James S. Waters, Thomas Winans, Otho H. Williams, William H. Young.

Preamble continued.

And whereas, the trust created by said letter first above recited, was duly accepted by all the persons to whom said letter was addressed, except William Prescott Smith, Esq., as appears by the reply of those so accepting, of which the following is a copy.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

BALTIMORE, February 19th, 1857.

To GEORGE PEABODY, Esq.,

Letter of acceptance.

Sir:—The undersigned acknowledge the receipt of your letter, addressed to us on twelfth of this month, and with a grateful sense of this evidence of your confidence and regard, accept the office of receivers and dispensers of the munificent fund which you therein dedicate to the erection and endowment of an Institute in the city of Baltimore, on behalf of those for whom this great benefaction is designed, we offer you most cordial thanks, with our admiration of the noble and generous heart which could conceive and execute so comprehensive a scheme for the improvement and gratification of thousands, unknown and unborn. We will endeavor to manifest a just appreciation of our obligations to you, by prompt and unremitting efforts to carry out the views and suggestions contained in your letter, and we earnestly hope you may be permitted for many coming years, to have the satisfaction of witnessing the accomplishment of all you propose and desire, in founding so splendid a monument of enlightened philanthropy and exalted patriotism.

John M. Gordon, Samuel W. Smith, Chauncy Brooks, Wm. F. Murdoch, Enoch Pratt, J. Mason Campbell, Geo. W. Brown, Galloway Cheston, Geo. P. Tiffany, Chas. Bradenbaugh, Edw. M. Greenway, Jr., Wm. C. Shaw, Wm. E. Mayhew, John P. Kennedy, Chas. J. M. Eaton, Thomas Swann, George Brown, John B. Morris,

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