

stretch of the imagination, be considered as entitled to such money. This proposal no doubt stiffened the Council's determination to acquire a portion of the endowment, if the City took control of the Library.

Following a meeting between the Finance Committee and the Board on July 17, the Chairman of the Board submitted, to the Mayor, eight tentative conditions for the transfer of the Library to the Council. (62) But the Finance Committee recommended that the conditions were not acceptable, and advised the Council to express its willingness to take over the Library," subject to the trusts in connection therewith; any disputes to be submitted to arbitration by a Judge of the Supreme Court." (63) After further correspondence, (64) a letter was despatched, from the Town Clerk's Office, on July 22 asking the Board what their attitude would be in the event of the City claiming a share of the endowments, and also in the event of such a claim being abandoned. (65) In reply, Mr. Russell presumed that clauses one to five of his letter of July 17 were acceptable to the Council, but stated that the Board was not prepared to negotiate except on the basis of clause six :- (66)

"That the funds of the Museum, Library and School of Technical Science Endowment Account be devoted in future to the College Library and other purposes within the control of the Board of Governors."

On this condition the Board was adamant and refused point-blank to give the Council any further information with regard to the endowment. (67) When the Council met on August 3, a letter was received

62. C.C.C. Files - Letter 4327. Appendix D. p.143.

63. C.C.C. Vol. 24, p.222

64. C.C.C. Files - Letter 4355.

65. *ibid* - Attached to letter 4355.

66. *ibid* - Letter 4392.

67. *ibid* - Letter 4466.