

would ultimately be involved in its proper development.⁽⁵⁵⁾ Although the Council had not foreseen the second clause it was resolved to accept the two clauses and inform the College Council that they accepted the responsibility of taking over the Library with the full knowledge that its future development would entail even greater liabilities than those then existing, and that April 1, following the empowering legislation, would be the most suitable date for the transfer to be made effective.

The work of preparing the draft copy of the bill to be brought before the General Assembly was detailed to Messrs J.J. Dougall, Son and Hutchison, the solicitors to Canterbury College, who, on March 16, 1948, wrote to the City Council enclosing the draft copy which had already been approved by the College Council.⁽⁵⁶⁾ In the main, there were no complications in the bill⁽⁵⁷⁾ but the second section of clause seven, which stated that "The Canterbury College Council shall from time to time pay to the Christchurch City Council all moneys received by it from the trustees, for the time being, of the Will of James Gammack, late of Springston, Farmer deceased, under the terms of his will, such moneys to be applied for the benefit of the Circulating Department of the Public Library", was opposed by the College authorities who suggested that, as they would have no further dealings with the Library, the revenue from the Gammack Trust should be paid to the City Council by the trustees. However, a further letter to the City Council from the solicitors stated that the trustees of the Gammack Estate preferred the retention of section two

55. C.C.C. Vol. 84, p.27109-10.

56. Minutes of Bylaws, Finance and Departmental Committees p.5292.

57. Appendix E. p.144.