

of clause seven in preference to the additional clause (clause 8), as proposed by the College Council. But the Finance Committee recommended that the draft of the Bill be approved, subject to the inclusion of clause eight as recommended by the College authorities, and this course was adopted by the Council.⁽⁵⁸⁾ As the Bill, with the inclusion of Clause Eight, had now been approved by both parties concerned, it was ready to come before Parliament, but, before this took place, the Registrar wrote to the City Council asking if it would be convenient to change the date of transfer from April 1, 1949 to October 1, 1948 and to this the Council agreed.

Although the two Councils had agreed on the form that the Bill should take, Mr. A.F. Wright, the solicitor to the Gammack Estate, remained adamant on the inclusion of the disputed clause. However, the City Council, after having heard him state his case, decided to proceed with the Bill as drafted, and to send Councillors Tait and Manning to Wellington to give evidence, before the Committee of the House, in support of it, with particular reference to the Gammack Estate.⁽⁵⁹⁾ When the Bill had been approved by the Local Bodies Committee of the House of Representatives, a letter was received from Mr. S.G. Holland M.P. informing the City Council that Mr. Wright had, during the consideration of the Bill, raised the question of making the Library completely free.⁽⁶⁰⁾ It was pointed out to Mr. Wright that the Committee had no power to do as he suggested, and Mr. Holland promised to communicate with the City Council, requesting that the question of making the Library completely free should be

58. C.C.C. Vol. 85, p.27814.

59. *ibid* Vol. 86, p.28271.

60. *ibid* p.28475.