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Mr. Marsh My Dear Sir the drawings and your letter is received I have carefully considered your letter but am not quite decided just what to do. The dome question seems now to be at a final juncture and as the Lithograph is nearly done (quite ready for the done) what we do must be done quickly. As the new dome is to be the leading feature of our building I am anxious to bestow upon it all the attention the thing demands & hence the criticism you and Mr. Williams have made aid me materially in arriving at my conclusions. I do not suggest a thing to either of you until I have in my own mind thought the thing well over. Until I had made the design I last sent, I had made none that I even passably liked well enough to adopt quite as it was. I have read everything at our principal libraries, have studied well the designs of the principal domes of the old countries and at last, considering as best I could all the bearings. Grecian Architecture to be kept in view, &c. &c. I at last succeeded in making one that I flattered myself was of much value. I could make it in most respects purely Grecian, preserve your valuable idea of height of dome, ellipticality, etc. etc. In short I thought I had produced a good thing. You will of course pardon me when I speak earnestly for the late design. I am minded to labor for the production of the best thing and hence shall risk the chance of being over tectious in