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My Friend Marsh

Chapman

(I presume it is) of Carendish has come out with a mean lie in regard to his friend Richard's labors at Montpelier. My friends here, urge me to contradict it, but some one who knows the truth must do it for me. It is too bad, that after my labors to get that building along thus far, having made, or caused to be made every line, that I should be compelled to defend myself. I hope you will do me the favor, as chairman of a board of commissioners to whom I have done my best to be faithful, to say to the public, that I thus far to say the least am author of the building. Richards has not deemed a line that has been executed. The article to which Chapman refers was a letter from M. by a man who is stopping at Mr. Ballou's for a few weeks. It was written sometime within a week

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I am yours as ever
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