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My Friend Marsh I have neglected to answer your  
last letter thinking that a delay might present something  
new in relation to the windows for the dome dome. I have  
examined many works on the Grecian Dome but in none  
of them can I find information that is official in regard to  
the windows of the Erechtem as originally built. I have  
however made up my mind on one thing and that is that from  
a very early day that the E. has had actual windows, and  
not simply moldings on the outside with perforations, and in  
addition to this the lights were bronze sheets and had an  
actual wash. I will not trouble you with translation &c but will  
state that Ferguson whom I before quoted is well sustained by  
very official author I have consulted, I borrowed from Fergusons  
work (at the Athenaeum) a plan of the window and a few of the  
remarks. I will send them to you with this. I am of the  
opinion that <sup>Classical</sup> as much as all who have ever looked at  
a specimen of <sup>Classical</sup> Doric having windows associate with it  
a propriety in bronze shaped lights that to put square  
ones would mar our work. They will look tame and  
lack character. If I put windows of any kind between Doric  
columns of course I must in a degree follow the Erechtem  
for that is an only example. And if that be followed at  
all we should make the window frank wide at the bottom  
if this be done then to put in square glasses I think  
will look bad. Hence you must consider and dwell.  
We need not hurry for the fact will not be made  
till next season. The Legislature have given us an  
appropriation as you know of \$30,000. This will keep the thing