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Mr. Marsh. I returned to M, the morning  
after I left you. The Doct remains the same,  
as he was; entirely confident that he is the all.  
I have entered my protest against his using the old  
and burnt stones that he has ruined up, and proposed  
to use also, the lower segments of the columns. He does  
not reply, but I think he will not dare use them. They  
are poor things, fit only for ballast, or for things to condemn.  
Those who know best of matters relating to the work  
invariably unite in disapproving his course of operation. There  
is hardly a man with whom he has yet dealt that does  
not condemn his acts. I think I do not at all mistake  
the case when I say that every contractor without exception  
has had trouble with him. I have talked with nearly  
every one. The invariable story is, He does not know what  
he is doing. The common talk of the place is, that  
he ought not to be in the position he is. I write you