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My Friend Marsh,

I hear nothing as yet from Powers or his dome, but am in hopes that he will be influenced by you to keep where he is, if nothing more, I am howly convinced, of the good service you have it in your power to render by refraining to endorse anything but the original. The responsibility is so great touching this dome question, that he is in much trouble, and wishes for some one of standing to be with him aside from being in utter ignorance of how to lay that work out, as it should be, and aided in their dilemma by an original desire to amend, they are now, in a new and fearefull darkness.

I had made my drawings (and here with me copies) so as to have the big trusses land 18 in. on the side walls, and then I had designed and shown in the drawings to have the brick walls put out eight or ten inches more with a flat stone for a bearing on the top of all, now as incredible as it may seem that ignorances of a Richards has made a mistake in his new figuring and the trusses in some instances land only 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" in all and at most but 16" The putting out I am checked out of. Now they have