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My Friend Marsh, a letter from you this morning is received. Yesterday, I wrote to you, and hence may not be under the necessity of writing again, but cannot bear to leave a thing undone that may aid you in your adherence to right. I will not recapitulate in regard to my action with Richards. I can only say that I was entirely without proof that he was possessed of any authority to consult at all in regard to that work. I have worked very carefully in all I have done. Before replying I consulted two of the first architects of this city men who know us both, and whose opinions are of the first order. They both said to me unless your Commissioners, or the Superintendent under whose employ you are expressly asks you to confer with him by all means refrain for you will if you work without a request from them virtually acknowledge his authority. Two men of Mont. were in town. I conferred with them. They concurred in the same opinion. A man of