

Without entering into any discussion as to
the extent it might be proper to carry it,
with respect to futurity, I have confined
myself principally to the endeavor to
design a plan for building which can be
most readily put up. I trust you will
find in the accompanying sketches &
the plan herewith sent all that is
immediately necessary, & I have so ordered
them that if the masonry part could
be executed in time for the frames,
the foundation of a future capacious
and Hospital will be laid. The present
superstructure I propose to be wood,
either constructed to be placed on
elevated basements of at least eight
feet in the clear or smaller ones of
three feet to keep them just off the
ground. There is no question but the
former would be the most eligible in
many points of view but the masonry
would take more time than can
perhaps be allowed, whereas the second
idea I think may be accomplished,
early enough to meet the present exigency.
A considerable time must elapse
before the frames can be constructed &
brought here, with the materials and
workmen for completing them and in
that time the foundations may I
think be laid; if from any delay in the
importation of the wood work, time should
be left for the first proposition to be

carried =

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