colony, & frequently, been for weeks, almost exclusively employed in visiting & providing for newly arrived emigrants) thinks these Receptacles should be sufficiently large to accommodate from eight to ten persons each, say, in ~~size~~ extent ~~from~~ 20 by 30 feet. It will be sufficient to send out the frames & weather boarding for such buildings with nails, window glass, & paint, leaving the shingles to be procured in the colony. Indeed the roofs might be well covered with thatch in the native style. These buildings should be of one story, say 8 or 10 feet in height, with floor above & the rafters elevated so as to afford a comfortable sleeping apartment overhead. Two windows to each would probably be sufficient. Paint will contribute greatly to preserve them ~~from the~~ effects of the climate.

I have not the means of estimating the cost of such buildings, but presume any house carpenter in your city, will readily furnish you with an estimate of the cost of the materials. I would advise that the constructing of them be left to Dr Mechlin. Upon him also should I rely for a selection of the best site. Should no Physician be sent out with these emigrants, Caldwell would probably be chosen for their early residence, that they might be under the eye & receive the medical aid of Dr Todsen. Should they have an active Physician, perhaps they might more advantageously be established at Millsburg. My impression is that you would do best to send out eight or ten such frames as I have described, with a request to Dr Mechlin that they might be put up, in the most economical manner, on such healthy spot as he might select, & as they might be designed for future emigrants during their seasoning, that he would place them as far in the interior as may be consistently with securing to the occupants good medical & other attendance.

The advantage of several small buildings over one large one, consists in their enabling us to separate the sick from the well, and also in reducing to a comparatively small number, the sick who may be together. The expense may be somewhat increased, but the benefit, will I believe more

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A. Letter Books

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