matters would testify to the superiority of live oak & yellow pine from this region over any other material, both for strength & durability. If the quite (comparatively) unworthy experiment of one such vessel was tried I cannot but think it would so commend itself that it would not long be without a mate —

I regret that I have not the means to prepare the craft and present it to the Society. I trust my importunity will be kindly tolerated, even if not adopted.

I am truly & faithfully
Yours E R Alberti

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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