on it to Washington. I understood, and supposed that others did, that an appeal was to be made to friends generally, for $10.000 more for Receptacles; and another appeal for a sum founded on estimates of what will be wanted the present year, to execute your plan for the interior, ~~for~~ not exceeding $5,000, was to be made separately, "privately," and to but few comparatively. Putting both into one appeal was proposed, objected to, and dropped. They have put both appeals into one circular. They completely ignore the point of my resolution. They say that $15.000 will be wanted for the interior settlement; but they do not say when it will be wanted, or how much will be wanted the present year.

Your recollections, I judge from your letter, agree substantially with mine.

What shall we do in such a case? We ordered two eggs, and they have sent us one "double-yolked" egg, which cannot be expected to produce even one well formed and healthy chicken. Must we perform incubation on it? I am unwilling that they should fail; and yet I do not see how we can hatch any thing valuable out of what they have sent us. And besides that, I do not like to allow them to take such liberties. Do enlighten me.

Our two Receptacles will cost, on the wharf, about $6.600 for both. Size, 96 feet by 36. Rooms, 21 and Dining Room in each. Two stories. Yours, truly.

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A. Letter Books

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