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Dear Sir

your kind & obligeing letter of the 22nd inst I have received and regret very much that a sudden change in the weather has rendered a visit to the Marble quarrey for the purpose of examining it useless since the ground on Saturday Night was covered with snow and is in this place 4 inches deep on a level I am sorry also on account of your generous offer to send a horse for me and accompany me to the place — but this inclement season wont last long and in the first approach of spring I would rejoice to go up if there was any hope of making arrangements to open a quarrey. the more I look at the specimen Mr Field brought me the more I am convinced that such a material is sadly needed in Baltimore and its vicinity, and from the discription he gives of its appearance I am persuaded there is an inexhaustible mine of Marble and if the owners of the land are not like the dog in the manger it might be made a very lucrative business and be of great benefit to the country at large.

I would be glad to have the honour of a line from you sometime before March as to the practicability of the project — or sooner if convenient

with the best wishes for your happiness & comfort I remain your obt Servt

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