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Dearestest:

✓ Things have indeed been accomplished these days and thank you from the heart for all the time you have contributed to them and the thought, and the care!

✓ It seems to me rather sensible to leave the question of the carved keystone and the console to be decided a little later, when the wall takes form. Mr. Thacher and I, neither of us, "see" the question of the console and I am not too convinced that a smaller keystone would not be more dignified, so will you think this over? In the meantime, I am telling Mr. Steinbraker to submit the estimate minus these two items. *Keystone*

✓ The Coles inscription seems to me quite perfect. The only question I have in mind is whether the word "idiom" could not be replaced with "spirit", or do you think the one does not mean what the other does? My little tribute to the testimonial will come to you as soon as I can regain a checkbook at Bar Harbor.

✓ The photograph is signed and sits on the library table awaiting a cast-off frame of yours, of which Mr. Thacher assures me there are many.

✓ Another thing that is being reviewed with Bryce, i.e. the coping at the front door. It seems to me rather wise to have an actual dummy of it before we embark on anything as important as this; therefore, I am telling him to prepare, against my October journey, a double line of stone so that we can see how they look. Again thank you, as your help was an essential part of the last three days.

8 Would you mind if I took a look at your garden plan again, with a view towards simplifying it? If so, ask that angel Robert if he will send me the blue print to Bar Harbor, as I have one or two notions that I do not think would be complicated or difficult to do. Frankly, I cannot see the garden in its present puddingy design as part of an establishment belonging to you.

Yours ever and always,

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