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Resolved a late board of the Commissioners appointed to contract for the public buildings of the University of North Carolina at this last meeting at Raleigh, resolved that the estimate of the building as taken should be at the height of the surface of the Earth on the lot upon which the main building is to be erected, which will elevate the water table five feet from the surface of the Earth at the lower end of the building, consequently there must be sufficient built leading to the main water, doors, and as it may be or direction has been given herein in the contract for in the late charter, the subscriber wishes to be motivated by the board in what manner and of what materials the drainage one to be built, whether of field stone or another as they be upon the house, or of brick as there, at the state house at Fayetteville and whether they make to right & left or go straight up from the surface of the Earth to the Doors.

Furthermore the subscriber having examined the building stone near the coast of the University and found them all shaped and hard to shape & form fit for any part of a capital building, he has also committed Mr. Rogers, the person that contracted the building of the state house, who is also of opinion that well burnt clay bricks are better than such stone to build the foundation off. Especially as the foundation will only go one foot under the surface of the Earth, should the Commissioners approve of that alteration they will please to give directions accordingly to prevent disputes in future.

Furthermore the subscriber having as much fine wood already cut in the vicinity of the villages and would burn about one hundred thousand bricks therefor offers the favour of the Commissioners if there seems to make 12 1/2 or such a number of bricks for the brickyard with the good future to the subscriber, which will be the means of getting the limestone burnt with the bricks, and of getting them cleared out or not it is desired on the spot where it will be made off this immediately will prove the means of greatly strengthening his need and means of not only furthering the public buildings, but also of improving the villages for the reception of families, which to Retinue from the lower parts of the state to that part that they situated in the summer season in the privilege would not be asked for, as there a possibility of its being done on an importation to the place in any shape whatever as the clay reaching no farther in the Earth than from two to three feet and a gradual deposit from the place where the clay will be dug which will be the means of preventing any stagnated water from setting there, and there shall not be one tree but for that purpose on the lands belonging to the University, and the most gracious indulgence will lay under obligations.

Your most obedient humble servant

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