singular abroad", but I have very humbly submitted to them, that as our Island abounds with Stone & affords no Brick, and that as the first costs less than one half of the ~~last~~, that it might possibly answer to build their houses of Stone and to cover ~~them~~ Walls with the Stucco that I had seen used at New Haven. — I have therefore to request you my Dr Sir to inform me of the general character of the Stucco, the cost per square foot, the patentee's name & place of abode & such other information as may guide their opinions or assist the object.

— I shall set off on my journey on Monday week & hope to see you in the course of April. — Please write me as soon as possible

your friend & obdt st.

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