

Thomas Jefferson to Washington, D.C., Commissioners, August 15, 1793, Estimate, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Commissioners JEFFERSON TO THE COMMISSIONERS

Philadelphia Augt. 15th. 1793

Gentlemen, By this day's post I have the honour to return the drawings of the Capitol, which had been left here in order to have an estimate made; I send also that estimate together with the rates of the different work, as made by a skilful workman here, the sum total it is supposed will enable you to form some idea of the whole cost of your building, as there is a tolerably well known proportion between the cost of the Walls of a building and its whole cost; and the rates will serve as information perhaps in contracts which you may have to make hereafter.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Gentlemen, Your most Obt. & most Hum. Servt.

Th: Jefferson

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