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Nantucket 8. 29. 1815

Respected Friend, Not having received any Answer to the several letters which I have written thee - and laboring under many embarrassments occasioned by the want of a well of Water convenient to the house, I take the liberty to address thee once more on the subject. Agreeable to thy request, communicated in thy letter of the 25th of the 5 Month last past, I have ascertained the expence, and find that a Porch 14 by 12 one Story high may be built for 197 Dollars - and that a Well may be sunk for $75 - making in the whole $272. Having only two small rooms, on the lower floor, and only one small closet in each; and the Chimney not carrying smoke well, renders the erection of a Porch a very desirable object - As for water, none can be procured within the distance of 1/4 of a Mile - I should receive it as a favour if thou would'st pay particular attention

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to the business and make
use of my influence on this
occasion — I should be happy
to have the care and superintendency
of erecting the Porch and sinking
the well myself — As I have
no doubt the business will be
better done And more promptly attended
to under my care & direction —

I am respectfully

Jonathan Coffin
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