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OFFICE OF Richard M. Hunt, ARCHITECT,
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Madison Avenue, cor. 23rd Street,

RICHARD MORRIS HUNT,
RICHARD HOWLAND HUNT.

New York,

June 28th., 1894.

Ogden Goelet Esq.,

9 West 17th., St., N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Goelet:-

In relation to your residence at Newport, R.I.,

After an examination of the Caen stone step at the first landing on the Main Stairs, I wish to say that the spots were not in the stone after Ellin, Kitson & Co., 's men finished their work, and they have every appearance of having been made by the polish applied to the Main Hall floor and staircase landing.

The leaded glass in outside sash of staircase window is cracked and it is impossible to tell whether the stained glass men, iron men, electricians, or carpenters did it: there are four small pieces broken and they should be repaired at once, to prevent the water getting in and damaging the electric work etc.,

There is also a small piece of the Caen stone sill broken out, by whom, I cannot tell.

The south stained glass sash staircase window has changed shape recently, and does not close properly; I would like to make the contractors attend to this, but, as workmen are not admitted to the house, I am forced to let it rest as it is.

The pedestals made by James Sinclair & Co., for two vases and one statue are finished and stored in their yard: no locations were ever decided on, so foundations for them cannot be set: they will

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be delivered when requested, and Mr. C. Everett Clark will put up the foundations, if requested.

The bracing of front gates has never been done---as Wm. H. Jackson & Co.,'s estimate of October 9th., 1893 has never been accepted.

A design for vases to set on East Terrace balustrade, was submitted, but not returned, so nothing has been done about it: top of blocks of balustrade not dressed flat, because no locations of vases was decided on.

Designs for combination fixtures ^{in second story corridor} were not selected at last interview---nothing done.

No fixtures placed in Mrs. Goelet's bath room---according to directions of Mrs. Goelet.

Incandescent lamps in many places not tested by the Tucker Electrical Construction Co., because of covering on walls.

Breakfast room bell marked "Maid" cannot be made to ring appears to have been injured in putting up finish of the room; a wire can be run up mouldings and around cornice etc., but it would be likely to show: this applies, also, to bell in Green bath room where the bell was injured in making changes to the plumbing.

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Ogden Goelet Esq., # 3.,

There is a blank push button in Mr. Goelet s bathroom-----
---rings nowhere.

Push button plate in Sitting Room not marked because access
to house denied last week, to mechanics who went there for that pur-
pose.

Bell in Dining Room marked "Butler" should be marked
"Servant" # 7., not done for same reason as above.

The roof should be inspected every six months, at least.

Very truly yours,



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