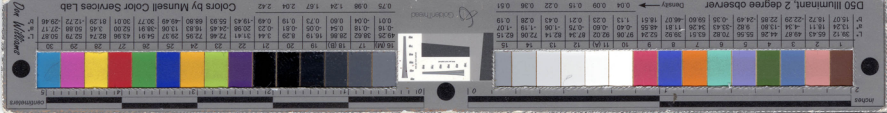


To the Directors of the Library Company of Philad^a

Gent^l According to your desire I one of the persons called upon offer the inclosed plan which I think would be suitable for the building you propose erecting, and as elegant as your frugality will admit of. I have often thought that steps of front doors in croaking upon the pavement was not only inconvenient but inelegant, and though that inconvenience may be taken away by placing the front further back, yet still the inelegancy remains.

I therefore propose in the plan, that the foundation of the front at both wings, be in a line with the street, and in the middle, that the front be placed back in the form of a semi-circle, of that its furthest distance or radius be eleven feet from the front line - Each wing being 27 ft. will leave the Diameter of the Circular front 22 ft. - the stone steps at the front door may elegantly be in an circular form, I propose so many of them as will raise the sill of the door five ft. high; by this form a canopy will be made which every one by experience knows to be useful and it is not liable to the objection made to others, that they project and hide the beauty of the building, but on the contrary makes an extensive beautiful arch: Likewise



the 22 ft before mentioned, by being in a circular front is increased to thirty three feet, so that a considerable space is gained where I propose having the stairs, which will turn parallel with the circular front in an easy ascent, & from the front door below, will land you at the large front Glass Door on the second floor - your own consideration will point out many other advantages I shew you how much ground will be saved

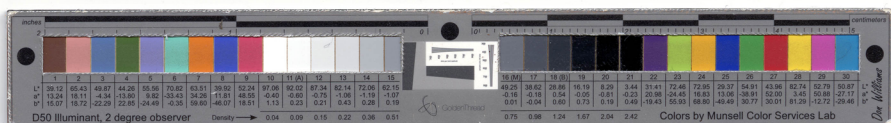
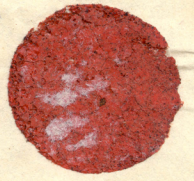
one thing further if then let the plan speak for itself, that is, if this plan is followed you will be easily led to subdivide the floors if it is not followed yet if it adds one I deem to the usefulness of your plan it will give satisfaction

The plan is laid out by the Scale of one inch to 10 ft to your obedt Servant
 friends to the Institution

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