TO:    R. S. Stevens  
FROM: Charles Francis Adams  

New York  
Aug. 13th [1875]  

Dear Col.:  

I received your letter and read what you say about that matter. If there should be a tearing down and new stone used we could handle the matter pretty certainly, but the matter will now go to Congress for decision and from all the facts I think the work will go on, but probably it may be rejected and a new material used. We cannot tell till Congress takes hold of it. It would be well to keep hold of the quarry in the mean time. Pres. and Sect'y are both in favor of waiting for Congress. 

Hope to hear from you soon about the stock. It is now got down where they can take hold of it. If you telegraph me any dispatch mentioning grasshoppers, I shall buy five hundred shares. We shall have a bull market pen this fall, sure.  

I promise to let Grimes stay as long as you want him, but when you think he can be spared, want to give him a better berth.  

Yours,  
Charles Francis Adams