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Letter to Robertson Topp from Robert Fletcher

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Before commencing the new dining room
of the Gayoso Hotel, although the other portions of
the buildings had been commenced, and carried up
to the height of two stories, and inasmuch as the
dining room - which contains in connection with it most
important Minutes, it was thought necessary to advise
with Mr Rogers Architect, in the arrangement and plan
of the dining room, Mr Rogers at request of the build-
ing Committee commenced the building and the prem-
ises for that purpose and was instructed to proceed
at once to make the plans &c and adapt the plan and
every thing connected therewith to what had already been
done. Mr Rogers suggested that it might become neces-
sary in making a convenient Hotel to make more or less
of what had already been done, Mr Tapps reply was
that the general plan already submitted suited him
and beside if it did not he had already gone the
far to make any changes, and therefore gave positive
orders - to so make the plans for the dining room build-
ings, that any alteration in what had already been
done would be unnecessary, and further instructed
me to furnish to Mr Rogers & Tapps Copies of the
plans of the whole buildings (dining room excepted) that he
might take the same to Cincinnati, that there might be no

difficulty in carrying out his instructions which plans
I furnished to Mr Rogers (the same that now accompa-
nies this writing.) When the plans came to hand they con-
templated a new plan drawn for us entirely different.
He held throughout in deed the plan which can be
seen in my office is drawn with the intention and came
it be executed unless the present buildings including
the old buildings was entirely removed as the
plan submitted does not admit of using any part
of the buildings already constructed up to the time
they came to hand. Mr Rogers says to me that
when he came to study the plan that the plans already
in the course of construction he saw no way of making
it to his notions ^{without} taking the entire buildings down and
commencing from the foundations consequently
no part of Mr Rogers plans were ever used in the con-
struction of the Gayson Hotel

Robt Fletcher

Memphis Feb. 13th 1858