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Thursday 4 - my good Brother John Walker arrived to day - an unexpected most grateful visitor - Masons began to day on my Chimney -

Friday & Saturday 5 & 6th Employed most my time regulating Lots - Settling a matter for the Farmers to get into the Country - after all my ~~contrivance~~ contrivance I find a difficult matter - They want all to go to be nearest the Town & to have it built - tis all very natural - However have at last broke out - & to day Monday the 8th Capt Wright & a party of about 14 under the direction of Mr Symonds set out to begin a Road thro the Country to Annapolis - I have directed him

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To ther the most direct Course - only avoiding such grounds as are naturally untraversable - & weh would take much labour to make them otherwise - my house goes on slowly - it two hhd, since I've returned being bad - not strong enough in my Cellar to lay it foundation of my Chimney - However Col^d Brewster has collected some Stones - & find shall get thro by & by -

Monday 22 - This week past engag'd in regulating the Parties going into the Country for Lands - - ~~Spent~~ as much time as I could - spent in Planning - & writing to Mr. [unclear] fine weather -