

Confidential

Albion Adams 22 1870

Dear Mr Powers

I received yours of the

in due season, and hoped to have made you an earlier  
reply, but at this time of the year, the calls upon my  
leisure are ~~so~~ many that it is a hard matter for  
me to do anything when it ought to be done.

I don't see why your report, which seems to me a  
reasonable and proper one, should have excited so  
much feeling, but I cannot say I am exactly  
sorry for the result, because I think it probable  
we shall be able to secure a more satisfactory  
work than that now at the disposal of the  
legislature.

I have proposed the subject  
to Powers, who is interested in the object, but  
whose very numerous engagements do not per-  
mit him to undertake the work, at this  
time, and besides, the actual execution of a model  
of his own hand, would, if gratuitous, be a large  
contribution than we have a right to expect  
from an individual, and if paid for, on the  
works of artists of such high reputation, un-  
usually are, would more than consume all the  
resources we have a claim upon.

Mr Powers has now studying  
and has a great deal of promising talent as a  
sculptor, who would be very glad to ren-