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Dear Sir

I have received your of the 18th

1870. I am glad that my reply to your former letter had come duly to hand. I appreciate the force of your objections to Mr Powers proposal, but they do not seem to me insurmountable.

(The time fixed for P. - two years - would probably in practice be reduced to one. It is very important for his own success, that he make something soon of Powers himself is a man of such industry that he would not allow any thing to lag under his eye.

The period was fixed out of a extreme caution in regard to a promise which some possible contingency might defeat the possibility of fulfilling. I think too that an assurance that an model would come from P.'s studio, & be executed under his advice