

Washington, 6<sup>th</sup> Feby 1871.

Dear George P. Marsh.

My dear Sir, I wrote you on the 1st. and 28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>, last, on the subject of the Elton Allen Statue, and allowing my for all the mischances of the Mail from the disturbances abroad, I had hoped for an answer ere this, and began to fear that this subject was beginning to assume the proportions of a great graphopper to you, but I beg you not to yield to it, and to give me the benefit of your aid and advice. In my last letter I enclosed to you a photograph of the Statue, by P. Stephenson of Boston, which is the best I have ever seen, and which is highly approved by all the gentlemen of taste to whom I have shown it. I sent a copy to Mr. Edmunds at Washington, and he sent me in response \$100. from the Vermont delegation. A Mr. Sabin, a very ingenious worker in Stone, who worked with Mead on the Montpelier Statue, has undertaken to make a working model, an exact representation of this design, of the same height as the Mead Statue, without compensation, and if approved, he, backed by J.P. Harrington, is to make and place upon the Monument, a granite Statue to correspond, with the necessary pedestal, complete, for \$2000. I have paid to the widow of Stephenson \$100. for the design, and I hope to have enough, over and above the expense of the Statue, to erect a suitable enclosure of iron around the Monument. I feel confident of a first rate realization of the design in granite, and I cannot but hope it will have your approval.

With the average temperature quite moderate, we have had many days as cold we have ever known. We have had to mourn the loss of our Son in Law, Lewis H. Wheeler, who died the last month. My wife is now at Sonnetown, Md. with our beloved daughter Mary, who is left with three little ones and the prospect of another. Mr. W. was a man very much esteemed and respected where he lived. The lake is completely frozen, but we have but little snow, not six inches. Pray write me soon and with very kind and respectful regards <sup>to Mr. Marsh</sup> believe me your very truly,  
John D. Powers.