

Burlington Oct. July, 1873.

Hon. G. P. Marsh, Rome, N. H.

My dear Sir I thank God that the problem of erecting a heroic statue in marble to the memory of Ethan Allen has been solved, and I cannot but think that for this solution you will be most gratefully disposed. It is a complete success, as you may readily conclude from a copy of the Burlington Free Press and Times of the 7th instant, containing an extended account of the celebration and inauguration which I sent you, and trust you have ere this received. Including the column, to which you gave its just proportion, I think it, as do others, the most elegant monument in New England. It continues to please every body. As you did not send me anything to say at the inauguration, as I requested, I hope, if you cannot approve, you will charitably criticize what I did say — I wanted an advice, and I find I want one more and more every day. What think you of the suggestion as to the use of the balance, which we may have on hand, which will amount to some ^{or four} three hundred dollars? This is more than I anticipated and more than will be required to carry out the object suggested, ^{in my remarks} please let me hear from you as to this matter. This balance would have been used for the iron enclosure around the monument, but for the appropriation of the Legislature of \$500, for that purpose. I have waited some days for a photograph of the whole scene, column, statue and surroundings, but being disappointed, must send you the best I have — two views of the statue about to be raised.

With very kind and respectful regards from my wife and self to yourself & Mrs. Marsh, I remain very truly yours,

John W. Pomeroy.