

Woodstock Dec. 23. 1857

Dear Sir,

I have been much occupied
by Court business since the receipt of
yours of the 18th and have not, until the day,
since conferring with Judge Porter, had
time to write.

We must leave the ordering of the
figures to summarize the donee to you, as
we are not likely to meet, as a committee.
Judge Porter suggests that we should not
exceed the appropriation; and I suppose
it will not do to go a dollar beyond it.
I presume the appropriation was made
under an impression that the structure would
be of wood. Mr. Silliman suggested that
snow and ice would be appropriate and would
be enduring when painted and gilded.

Mr. Mason, the builder of our Court
House, whom I saw a few days since