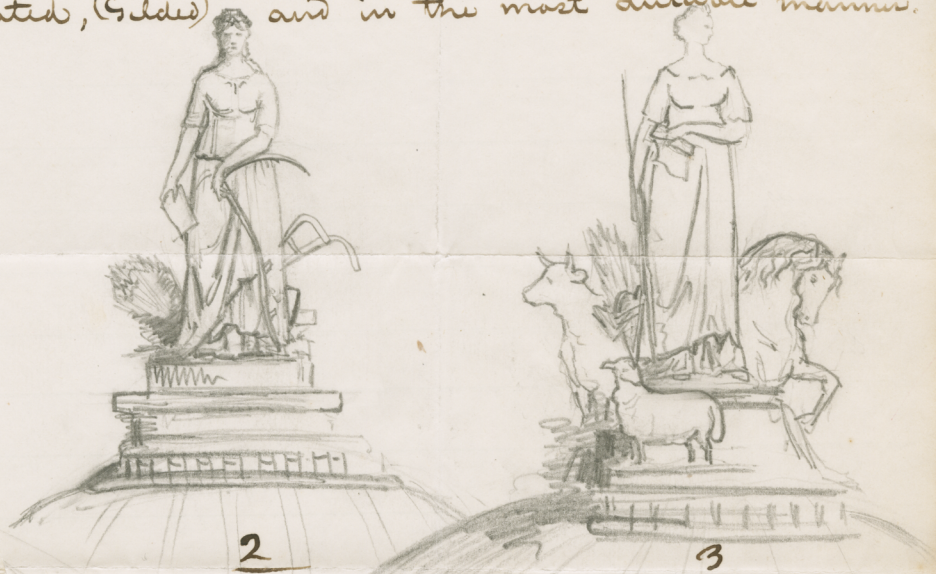


Brattleborg January 4. 1858

Hon. Geo. P. Marsh,

Dear Sir,

Since I saw you at Montpelier, I have given the subject of the Statue a careful examination and I think that, it looks quite gloomy. Mr P. seems to think that the least expense the better. I suppose the proper way for me to do will be to say that I will make the statue for the sum appropriated, (Gilder) and in the most durable manner.



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I have inquired in relation to the cost of gilding and find it will be a considerable expense. I should like to do the statue but think if I took it upon myself for an insufficient sum it would trouble and discourage me more than to have given it up to the ship Carver, and a cheap unskilled work would check rather than advance my reputation as a beginner. These little sketches will perhaps show which would have the best effect, an elaborate grouping, or a simple figure. If you think it for my interest to take any further steps in the matter I