

Boston Sept 23, 1857.

My Friend William,

Our perspective picture is nearly done, and the prospect now is, that you will get a copy quite as soon as next Sunday. Mr. Bufford thinks he can get them ready to send on Monday, but I think I shall keep him at work that day in re-touching the thing. However, just the day it is, ready, you will have from it. I think (if I may judge from the looks of the thing now) we shall all of us feel satisfied with it. The new done looks well. I am inclined to think Mr. Marsh will see in it enough of his ideas to satisfy him. I like the thing well enough. As soon as your commissioners have passed judgement, I shall make my working drawings so as to produce the thing in execution as it appears in effect in the new picture. I have thrown aside entirely all the drawings made for the other design and now begin new again. In my communication before this I have written to Mr. Marsh but not being quite sure of his whereabouts I must for once trouble you for a little service. Our picture is to come out early next week, and while the thing is being printed we should get as many as we shall actually need for immediate service. I am at a loss to remember the number we had proposed. My impression is, that 400 was the number, but upon more mature thought I can't