

Worcester June 12th 1866-

Hon^{ble} George P. Marsh

My kind friend,

It has occurred to me that it may not be too late to write to our permanent Representative in Congress on the subject of our last conversation - possibly our law might be modified before the present session of Congress closes -

I would say to him that our present law - which was intended to benefit American artists abroad is likely in the end, to defeat its own purpose - and that it has already done - in my opinion just cause of offence -

I would say also - that many years ago, I wrote to Hon^{ble} Saml C. Preston - Senator from South Carolina - complaining of this law, and requesting him to have it amended in a manner - not to discriminate twist native and foreign artists