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Thomas Ball letter to Stilson Hutchins

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Thomas Ball letter to Stilson Hutchins
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Extent:	1 Item ((on partial microfilm reel))
Creator:	Ball, Thomas, 1819-1911
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1955-1962 by Charles E. Feinberg. Feinberg was a long time friend and active donor to AAA.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel D8 (frames 297-298) available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Sculptor, miniature and portrait painter, and musician. Born in Charlestown, Mass., studied in Italy.

Scope and Contents

Ball writes to Hutchings [sic] of Washington, D.C. regarding Ball's proposed design for a statue of [Daniel] Webster to be erected in Washington. Ball argues for a figure dressed in classical garb, considering it more appropriate for the city than the contemporary costume of three other Webster statues Ball had done in other cities. Ball indicates that he has enclosed photographs for Hutchings to review.

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In addition, Ball writes, "I only regret that we are too late to submit my design to Mr. Corcoran, the old friend of Mr. Webster, and of Art. I think he would have been pleased with it." In closing, Ball expresses hope "to have Congress make an appropriation for it. They do such things some times, and for less worthy objects."

Names and Subject Terms

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Subjects:

Art -- Commissioning -- Washington (D.C.)
Art patronage -- Washington (D.C.)
Artists and patrons -- Washington (D.C.)
Sculpture, American -- Washington (D.C.)

Names:

Hutchins, Stilson, 1838-1912
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852

Occupations:

Art patrons
Sculptors