Boston 30 May 1857,

Dear Sir,

It is with extreme self-reproach that, on looking over a portfolio of unanswered letters, I found yours of the 2nd of June 1859, which reached me on the 1st of the following November, among the number, which is very great. My avocations in the interval have at all times been so great as perhaps to form an apology for the general neglect of my correspondents, but yours was a letter, that ought to have been made an exception.

Yours, Peter Parker, Permit
me now, however tardily, to thank you for the obliging care so kindly taken by you in the creation of the monument to my lamented brother. Every thing that you did was entirely approved by us at the time; and as my brother was so much indebted to you for the alleviation of his sufferings while he lived, and for all that human skill could do to check the progress of disease; so we all feel under the greatest obligation to you, for the care and pains bestowed by you in performing these
friendly offers to his memory. You will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Russell continues in the enjoyment of her health. One of her nephews is lately married, and she will be a permanent and welcome member of the new household. The object of the strongest attachment on the part of all who knew her.

My own health, I am sorry to say, is much impaired; so much so as to compel me to resign my seat in the Senate of the United States. The departure of my brother, who was four years
My dear, - at an age younger than that, which I have attained, is a lesson that bids me also to be ready.

I remain, dear sir, with sincere gratitude,

Your obedient servant,

Edward Everett.