

**Ulysses S. Grant to Tiffany and Co.**

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171 Broadway

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Dear Sirs; You will no doubt deplore with us the marked indifference of the citizens of New York to the munificent gift of the French People to the People of the United States – A colossal Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World.

It was presented on the one hundredth anniversary of our National Independence, in commemoration of the ancient alliance and present friendship of the two Republics. The Statue is artistically admirable, and will prove an ornament of the harbor of New York of unequalled majesty and impressiveness

Out of \$250,000 needed to [2] erect a suitable pedestal less than half has been raised, after many and strenuous exertions.

The threatened stoppage of work upon the Pedestal in consequence of this neglect would produce the most unfavorable comments upon our patriotism and public spirit, not only in our own country, but throughout the civilized world.

It has therefore been suggested that twenty of the most prominent of our citizens could be named who would gladly contribute to avert so discreditable a result, and your name has been presented as one of the twenty.

Will you be kind enough therefore to inform us if you will [3] agree to pay \$5000 towards the object, provided the others do; any previous subscription to be counted as part of the sum, and no publication of the list to be made until it shall be completed.

We know that this is hardly a time to make an appeal for money, but the necessity is imperative.

U. S. Grant

M<sup>r</sup> M. Evarts

Jos. W. Drexel

Messrs

Tiffany & Company