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Dear Mr. Brown;

Of course there should be a great statue of Abraham Lincoln in New York City. But why not something that commemorates grandly to his chief relation to New York City. One of the most significant events in the movement against the extention of slavery, one of his greatest and most influential expressions - of course you know what I mean - the Union Speech. That is what New York should emphasize. What he did on the Mississippi River is interesting but not here. It has no relation to this town. Let the cities of the Mississippi Valley take care of that, and they will in time.

So you see you do not want me on a committee for tying Lincoln and the Mississippi River to New York. I have no sympathy with that idea. Lincoln and Cooper Union - yes - with all my heart.

Faithfully yours

Mr. Henry Collins Brown  
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