

57 WILLOW AVENUE, PLAINFIELD.
NEW JERSEY

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Dear Miss Tarball:

I'm sorry to know you
are an inmate of a hospital
even though it be the greatest in
America & I hope you are soon
around again first for your own
sake and second that we may
have that gab row fret about
the Barnard statue.

I have not been converted to it.
Of all the scrawny, underfed,
maverick looking wracklings
ever saw Barnards Lincoln
takes the prize.

Did I say Lincoln wasn't fat

until 1859? I meant 1858 - June 16
to be exact. Not till his House words
against itself speech was Lincoln
great. Prior to June 16 1858 he was
a trimmer - he was if you please
timid - lacking in self confidence.
After that date he was great. He
came into his confidence with that
declaration. At last he had found
himself.

Now to put up the immature body
the gawky uncouth scrawny thing
that Barnard portrays with hardly
enough strength to stand up and an
almost unintelligent anyway an
insipid characterless face - is to
caricature President Lincoln - or the
Great Lincoln - or Lincoln the man.

As to the attack on the statue I
am not jealous of Barnard - I bear
no malice towards him - and I
have concerted with no one in
attacking it - fiercely if you please -
because I really & truly feel it
would disgrace the American
people to present such a piece of
work to London Paris & Petrograd -
A job lot of cheap statues.
Hurry up & get well. I want
to have that row with you.

With best wishes

Yours truly
Judd Stewart