

basement, all which it is estimated cannot be executed for less than 20 or 25,000 dollars.

The Managers, relying upon a reasonable surplus from the State Lotteries, have for two years been at work on the Monument without receiving from the Treasury a single cent, as these lotteries have not produced in either year, even the sum of 12,000 dollars, previously to be received, and consequently find themselves heavily in debt, without the means of discharging it, or of providing for the completion of a work now so near its termination. In this state of things, the Managers rely upon the liberality of the Legislature; to supply the means to pay for the work already done, as well as to enable them to execute what remains to be done, and respectfully suggest an appropriation to that effect from the receipts of the State Lotteries of the three preceeding years, (in the first of which the Managers only received \$14,249 36 of an appropriation made by the Legislature for their use of 20,000 dollars, leaving still, according to their construction of the law, the sum of \$7,750 64 due to them,) as the chance of receiving a surplus, after reserving the sum of 12,000 dollars, for the use of the State, appears to be hopeless.

The Managers rely with confidence on the disposition of the Legislature to supply the means for completing this noble ornament of the State, now so near being accomplished. —Should they be disappointed in this hope, they will be under the necessity of resorting to their former mode of raising money for the purpose, by drawing a succession of lotteries, (which might interfere with those of the State,) agreeably to the privilege reserved to them in the act of Assembly, granting the surplus of the proceeds of the State Lotteries over 12,000 dollars; but they would regret to be obliged to do this, and trust that a suitable appropriation will be made immediately on learning through you the failure of the lottery system to produce any surplus.

I have the pleasure to announce that the colossal statue of Washington has been securely placed on the pedestal prepared for it on the summit of the column, and now forms a conspicuous and appropriate ornament to it, crowning the whole structure; and seen to advantage from every quarter. Considerable doubts were entertained even by many of the most experienced Mechanics of the city, of the practicability of elevating to so great a height, the three pieces of which the statue consisted, weighing from five to seven tons each, and the sum of even 6000 dollars, was asked by the most adventurous for raising it. The architect of the col-