

basement on which the column rests. These are essential to the original design and full effect of the whole, and will probably be an expensive part, but the balance now in hands, and the probable receipts from the State Lotteries for a couple of years, if at all approaching to those of the present, will it is hoped, be more than sufficient for the purpose, and justify the managers in refraining from any further resort to the fund appropriated by the State for the completion of the Monument, of which there still remains a balance to be received of about \$24,000. If under this view of the case, the Legislature in its wisdom and liberality should think it best, without waiting the result of the state lotteries to authorize the managers to call on the Treasurer from time to time, as the work proceeded, for what in addition to the balance in their hands, might prove necessary to defray the final expenses which could not, I think, exceed 10 or \$12,000, and would not be wanted probably for one or two years, the managers would now feel authorized to invite proposals and models and enter into contract for such a description of decoration, whether trophies or statues, as would best contribute to contribute to complete this noble structure.

This work has been so long in hand, that most of the original members of the managers have departed, and the few who now remain are advancing in years, and some of them infirm, especially myself, and we all feel anxious that a work so near its completion should be finished by ourselves, who feel an honest pride in what has been done, and not left to others to enjoy the satisfaction of delivering it finished into the hands of the State authorities who charged us with its superintendance from the beginning.

When the Legislature made the grant of \$50,000 out of the Lottery avails, it stipulated that the honor of the work should be given to the State in a suitable inscription. The managers have long revolved the subject of inscriptions in their minds, and after great reflection and discussion and in concurrence with the opinion of distinguished gentlemen, well calculated to judge in such matters, have adopted a dedicatory inscription fulfilling the condition made by the Legislature, and which appears on each of the four fronts, while on the eight spaces on each side of the doors, (and which otherwise would appear naked and meagre,) have recorded a summary history of the illustrious man to whose memory the column is raised, in the brief manner so admirably adopted by the ancients, while it is clear enough to record every event as fully as a more amplified account of it could do.

For your satisfaction, and that of the Legislature, I beg leave to inclose a sketch of these inscriptions, shewing the manner in which they are placed on the monument.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most ob't. serv't.

ROBERT GILMOR, Pres't. W. M.

P. S.—I had made a rough sketch of the manner in which the inscriptions were placed for the purpose of sending it, but afterwards