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Dear Mr Garrison

Your favor of 9th Ins - was duly rec^d, & I regret to say that we do not see any possibility of aiding Miss Lewis in her work, in the manner she desires.

In the short interview I had with her, I thought her all you describe, & do not wish to discourage her, but I fear that her present attempt will be a failure. Never before did I comprehend so fully the difficulty, perhaps impracticability, of modelling a bust from pictures or from memory. Hers had no resemblance to my son, & I could only say: "This is not like." I could not say: "It ought to be

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thus & so." Thus while, for
her sake, I should be very
glad if she could succeed, I
feel powerless to help her. For
ourselves, we are fully content
with the likenesses we have, &
should my advice be asked,
it would be that she undertake
some other work in which the
probabilities, at least, were
not so unfavorable.

I enclose a note from Mrs Shaw
for Miss Lewis, & send by Herndon
a package for her, which I shall
be obliged if you will transmit
to her.

Thanking you for the trumpet
sounds to which you have recently
given utterance, with best wishes
for the welfare of yourself & family
& especially for the happiness of your
son in his newly formed engagement,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours Truly
Fras^r Geo. Shaw

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