

April 20, 1934.

Mr. Carl F. Biels
Charles F. Biels & Sons Co.
33-39 Bethune Street
New York City.

Dear Mr. Biels:

I appreciate very much your kind letter in answer to mine of the 11th criticizing the workmanship on the case which you recently delivered to us. Certainly the reply could not be fairer or more just, and I want you to know that we realize how rare such a fine answer is.

In my reply I should like to make a possible suggestion to you as an alternative to sending back the case, and that is that, to save expense to you of reshipment back and forth, you consider the possibility of having an excellent cabinetmaker in Buffalo do the upper part of the pedestal over for us at your expense.

We are satisfied that a certain Mr. Henry C. Feist, Sr., of Buffalo is capable of handling this renovation, and we have already had him examine the pedestal in order to determine what price he would do the work for. His answer is that by using entirely new material, which includes new and thicker veneer, he will remodel the pedestal for \$80.00, or by using the old core (which would otherwise be sent back to you) he will remodel the upper part of the pedestal for \$85.00. Inasmuch as the cost of sending the pedestal back and forth is \$50.00, it seems to me that you may well consider the advisability of letting this gentleman handle the work. We will take it upon ourselves to guarantee his work is satisfactory to us before he begins on the basis of past knowledge of workmanship from his shop.

Please let me know if this suggestion is of interest to you. If not, we will consider the matter again.

I have not been able to check on the
glass part of the case inasmuch as we have not wanted
to try setting the statue up before the above matter
was settled.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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