



Albany N.Y.
Sept. 5th 1866.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Joseph Sabin, of New York,
informs me that you purchased at auction the
copy of Biddle's Cabot, which contained an
engraving from Holbein's picture, and a letter
from Mr. Biddle relative to his work. I was anxious
to obtain the above copy and directed Mr. Sabin
to bid for it - but he could only secure the other

I am, very truly yours,

J. M. Read Jr.

Mrs. William M. Darlington

Pittsburg

Pa

Copy which had nothing beyond the printed matter. I am anxious to obtain a copy of the letter and I take the liberty of inquiring if you would have any objections to have it copied for me at my expense? My studies make it very desirable for me to know exactly what opinions Mr. Biddle held concerning the results of his labors after they had been for several years before the public. I enclose a statement made to me by Mr. John Pennington of Philadelphia upon the authority of Mr. Peter Force of Washington - At the suggestion of the former, I also ask your opinion as to the correctness of the statement.

[The body of the document contains several paragraphs of handwritten text in cursive script, which is extremely faint and largely illegible due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]