

STATUARY PAVILION.

To Geo Perry
From J.Noble Wilson.
Date 7/9/1887

Dear Sir.

I thank you for yours of 20th inst recd. this morning and in reply I beg to ask you to return to the Mayor and Councillors the best thanks of my Co- Trustees and myself for the ready manner they have offered their aid in making effective arrangements for fixing the Thompson bequest of statuary.

Mr Summers is in Sydney. Before he went he gave to his Worship the Mayor the dimensions of the base of the group "The Flight from Pompeii" but I daresay, his Worship failed, as I did, to commit the measurement to paper. Hence, I will have to write to Mr Summers (which I shall do today) for the size of the base to enable your Council to direct that the necessary stone be procured.

I quite agree with your Council delaying any part of the business until you have the dimensions accurately before you, and, as all you will have to provide will be a concrete bed and one block of granite I presume 2 - 3 weeks will suffice for that.

I think you might order the trees to be cut down and the walk by to be planned, but beyond that we do not see how you can proceed, nor indeed, do we wish it. It is sufficient for the trustees to know that you are in sympathy with the object and they certainly do not want to hurry the Council into something inefficient and hurried arrangements, so long as the work is well prepared before the Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully

To Geo. Perry
From Charles F. Summers Scott's Hotel, Melbourne.
Date October 14th 1887

My dear Sir

In answer to your letter received this morning I quite agree with you about having the pavement raised above the walk by two steps.

The height of the group is 7ft 9 inches, Pedestal 3 ft 1 inch and granite box 1 foot but should it be your intention to place the shells round the box then let the granite box be 1 foot 6 inches above the pavement. This would make the entire height of the group either 11 feet 10 inches or 12 feet 4 inches. The entire height of the smaller figures is 8 feet,

With regard to any suggestions about the columns at the corners I am afraid that it would not look well.

I leave for Sydney on Monday afternoon and should you desire to communicate with me further on this subject my address after Monday will be Petty's Hotel, Sydney

with kind regards etc.