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for I could not come in
a mile of describing it
for it is simply perfect in
every detail. I have of late
dabbled to a small degree
in art. about enough to make
me anxious to study each
thing of the kind I see &
I have had a chance to
see this statue several
times I have examined it
particularly - & in my own
opinion would pronounce
it faultless. it has such
life as I never saw or
thought could be put in a
work of the kind although I
paid much attention to
things of the kind ~~xx~~ while
I was in Europe. enough
about the statue proper
but I must say that
the dear old north state will
be extremely fortunate to get

[To Governor Carr, Raleigh, N.C.]

Washington D.C.

June 5. 95.

My dear Governor.

There is a
marble statue of Virginia
Dare in this city & I
learned from the artist
(who is an acquaintance of
mine & a friend of some
of my friends) that the
old north state had spoken
of buying this statue
I promised the artist (Miss
Lander) that I would write
and give my opinion
of the statue - now Governor
if I attempted this I would
fall far short of doing this
beautiful thing justice.

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call the attention of the dear
old north state to a statue
she ought to have by all
means & that should go
no where else - also that I
might present my regards
to you, John & the rest of
the family whom I hope are
well in every respect.

Most truly your friend

B. Ashbourne Lapointe.

18.14. H. St. N.W.

My regards to Sam Telfair.

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hold of Virginia as she
is ~~not~~ in this month represented.
The artist is a person of
means & whereas she now
says she will sell it to N.C.
for \$5,000. I know she is some-
what important in nature & every way
that she will not agree to
do more than she has
stated, that is if the state
will send a committee here
to decide on it here she
will sell it but will not
send the statue to N.C. on an
uncertainty. Now Governor I
know this matter does not
rest entirely with you but
you know that you are desirous of the
state having such a work
of art & know that you will
do whatever you see fit in
the matter. Please pardon me
for taking up so much of your
time - but wanted to write for
several reasons, one to fulfill
my promise to Miss Lander
(the old lady artist), & one that I might