

Hartford, September 17<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Pardon Trumbull, Esq,

My dear Sir,  
Thanks

for the gift of your work on the  
"Defence of Stonington," which I  
have perused with deep interest.  
That event was strongly impressed  
upon my mind at the time of its  
occurrence, and I had wished its  
bi-centennial return might not have  
passed without a public celebration,  
which in these days of patriotic  
struggle and sympathy, would  
seem to have been peculiarly appro-  
priate. I regretted that your  
modesty should have withheld from

These pages, your own address in  
1827, the thirtieth anniversary, as  
your influence throughout the pro-  
cess of that heroic transaction, was  
rendered the more remarkable by  
your early years.

I return the book  
left by your sweet Daughter, and  
with love to all your family, remain  
your ancient Norwich friend  
and Schoolmate,  
L. Huntley Chapman.