



Incident Report

Incident Reported By: Rich Miller

Incident Reported To: Ellen Holdorf

Location of Incident/Exhibition: Klingenstein Reading Room

Date/Time of Incident: May 27th @12:15pm

Owner/lender:

The City of New York

Object Description:

Object Name: Plaster statue

Title: *Thomas Jefferson*

Artist / Maker: Pierre-Jean David d'Angers

Date: 1833

Medium/Materials: Painted plaster

Dimensions: Overall: 7 ft. 4 3/4 in. × 38 1/2 in. × 33 1/2 in. (225.4 × 97.8 × 85.1 cm)

Accession No.: L.2021.2

Recount of Incident and Condition of Work:

To move the Thomas Jefferson sculpture out of the Klingenstein Reading Room, the large, heavy plaster sculpture needs to be laid on its back as it won't otherwise fit through the door. Several years ago Marshall's Fine Arts built a special crate to support it upright, on its back, and during the transition from one orientation to the other.

The crate is fitted with a number of wood braces that are padded with foam and volara where they contact the sculpture. One such brace supports the sculpture's left arm. The decision was made to move the brace higher to the shoulder to reduce the strain on the arm. When physically moving that brace, it slipped and knocked against the quill held in Jefferson's right arm, breaking off the last inch of the quill.

The piece was immediately bagged and saved.