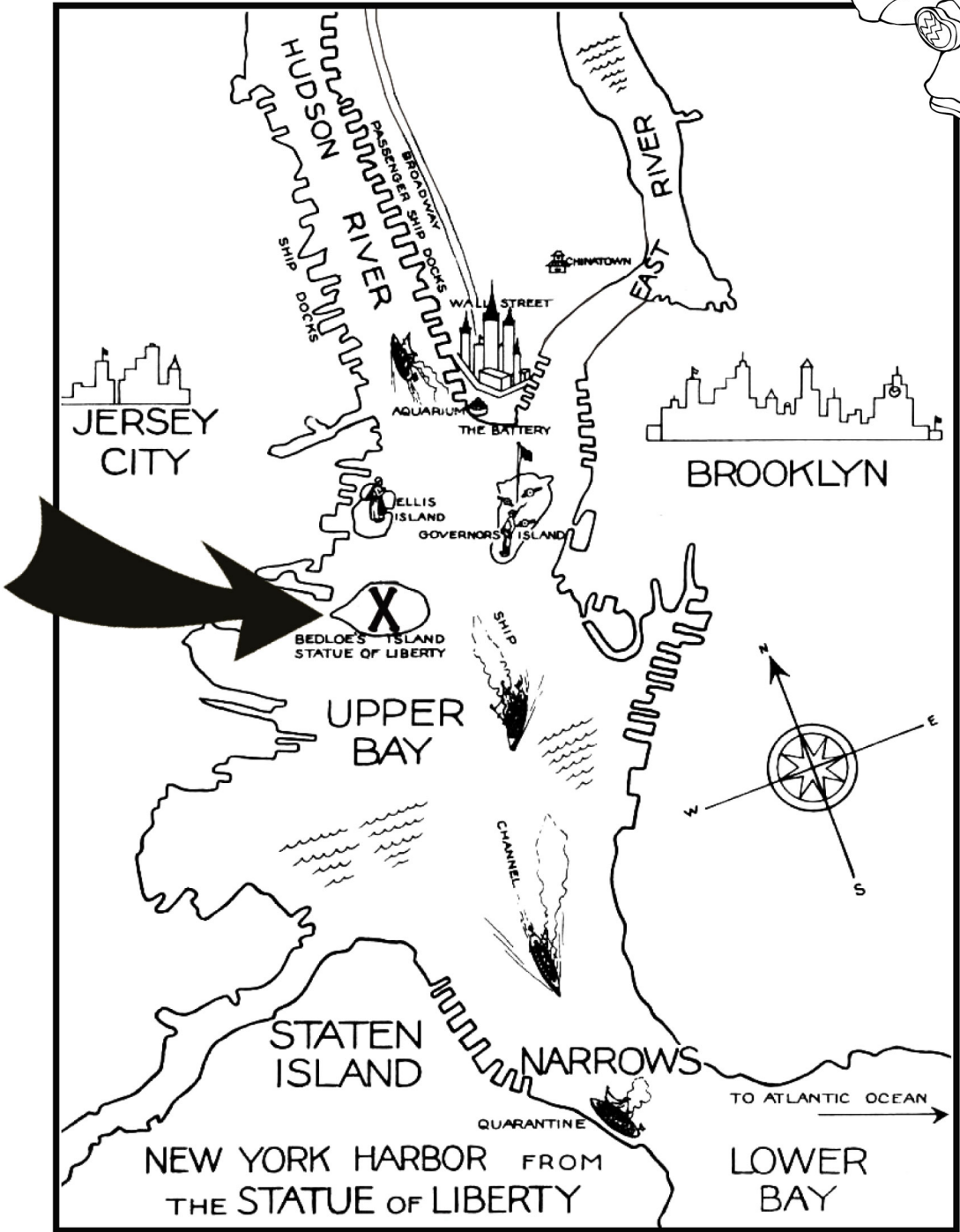


Bartholdi sailed from France to New York in June 8, 1871 with a letter from Laboulaye to meet with influential US men to sell the idea of the monument.



He found the perfect spot for his monument even before he landed on America's shores. Writing of his entrance into New York Harbor, he said: New York was the perfect place, since it was "where people get their first view of the New World."