

26 Oct. '06

17 QUINCY ST

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Corporation talked over at their recent meeting the question of entering into some agreement with you about your beautiful and valuable woodlands. They believe them to be unusually well fitted for teaching forestry and for preservation as permanent forest, and they would think it a clear advantage that you would be willing to be

Keeper during your life.

They were so much interested in the project, that they wanted me to ask you to state -

- (1) The number of acres which you would propose to give the University;
- (2) The number of acres which you would propose that the University should buy; and
- (3) The prices of the different tracts to be bought by the University.

They would ^{be} much aided in comprehending the entire

situation if you could furnish them with a sketch map showing the boundaries of your various woodlands, their relations to each other and to the rest of the town, the town roads, the streams and brooks, and your private wood-roads and proposed reservations for house-sites and so forth.

It will be a real pleasure to the Corporation

if they can contribute to the execution of your
generous and far-seeing plans and purposes.

Very truly yours

Charles W. Eliot

James W. Brooks Esq

Return Oct. 25th 1906.

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Dear Mr. Eliot:

On my return from Boston,
on Saturday ~~last~~, I found your
letter of the 26th inst., in reply
to which I send you herewith
a ~~rough~~ tracing ^{that} affords
an approximate ^{general indication} ~~representation~~
of the pattern of my holdings here
which ~~are~~ ^{would be} involved in the dis-
cussion to which you refer -
The tracing ~~affords~~ presents,
in blue outline
a ~~an outline~~ of the town boundaries,
^{the common and vicinity -}
in red, my holdings -
in blue again, suggestion of my

In answer to your questions
concerning regarding

1 the number of acres to be given
by me

2 to the old by me and

3 the price for the latter,

I have to suggest that it would
be more convenient ^{the matter of money} to have
an one to have Prof. Fisher —

who has seemed to have what
perhaps I may term an ex-
cellent topographical eye —
yourself if you can commit, or
or, ^{and} ~~and~~ me else, ~~to the amount~~
you may prefer —
you come here and consid-
er with me, ~~the parts across~~
I in their relation to the rest,

the acres to be ~~by me~~ resumed —
also to have, in the interest of
the community, an expert approx-
imate valuation of the acres
to be given or sold and then

so that transfer could take either
 the form either of a gift of certain
 tracts and a sale of the others
 or the sale of the whole at such
~~price~~ ^{price} as would accomplish
 the same result in which
 every one might be deemed favorable

Finishing the matter of survey,
~~and~~ ^{supposing} this to be one of the things
 to be ~~long~~ practically taught
 by your forestry department, I
 would inquire as to the propriety
 of ~~it~~, after ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{respect} general in-
 formation and consideration ~~as~~ ^{as}
 have suggested, ^{making} of such ^{preliminary} formal
^{agreement} ~~agreement~~ between ~~and~~ ^{and myself} the
 minority, as should be binding
 upon me and my estate and
 leaving the detailed survey to
 be ~~accomplished~~ ^{made} in such manner
 and time as shall be most convenient

instance

to the Ministry - my own ^{participa-}tion, under its direction, to ^{be} available at almost any time available -

In this way, I think a comprehensive general substantial result conclusion could be arrived at very soon and specific transfer of title made as soon thereafter as the Ministry should find it convenient to ~~to~~ pursue the same and settle details -

I am likely to go to ^{be in} Boston during the present week, and to ~~return on~~ ~~next~~ ~~day~~ and to ~~be in~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~or~~ ~~Thursday~~ of this week. If desired of I go, will let you know and if desired, can see you for further consideration of the matter ^{or} as you may deem ^{a desirable} important.

Yours very truly,
Wm. B. Brewster

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

October 31, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brooks:-

I expect to get to the Union Club tomorrow morning between eleven and twelve, and shall hope to find you at leisure to talk further about your woodlands. I think Mr. Fisher would be the best person to go over the ground with you to pick out the desirable reservations. The sketch map which you enclosed in your letter of October 29th will be quite sufficient for all preliminary discussions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Eliot". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mr. James W. Brooks.

Harvard University
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Nov. 27th 1906

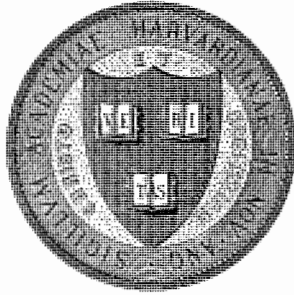
Dear Mr. Brooks,

I got back all safe and sound
and my laptop and healthy from my two
days outing with you. Our understanding in
regard to the outline map and timber
estimate of the proposed college tracts,
and also your offer in regard to the
lot jointly owned by you and Mr. Higgins,
I have communicated to the President,
and received his acquiescence. As to
carrying on the estimate with the students,
the availability of some responsible boys, to-
gether with their own later appointments,
make me wish, if possible, to bring
up to Peterham my whole senior
class of seven men, from Thursday
December 13, to Friday, December
21. Will you let me know, when
you write, if that number can

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be accommodated, either at Mrs. Waugh's
or the other place to which you re-
ferred, or both?
With cordial regards to Mrs. Brooks
and the young man who remembered me
I am,
Very sincerely yours,
Richard D. Fisher



BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

To James W. Brooks, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—

I have the honor to inform you that you have been appointed by the Board of Overseers a member of the Committee

on Forestry

for the year 1907, and to request that you will accept said appointment. The names of the Committee will be found in the accompanying list.

Respectfully yours,

WINTHROP H. WADE, *Secretary.*

99 STATE STREET, BOSTON,
December, 1906.

Harvard University
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DIVISION OF FORESTRY

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

December 5, 1906

Dear Mr. Brooks,

Any arrangements you may make we shall be very glad to conform to, and the students will undoubtedly be satisfied with Mrs. Howie's quarters. We shall come to school Dec. 13 by the 3.15 train. As for me, I am very grateful for your invitation to lodge with you, and I accept it. I am reluctant to desert the boys, but I feel as if I could not miss the extra chance to discuss things with you.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Fisher

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

December 20, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brooks:-

Are you getting on satisfactorily
with your forestry project? Professor Fisher
thinks more and more highly of your tract for
teaching purposes.

Very truly yours,

James W. Brooks, Esq.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles W. Eliot". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "James W. Brooks, Esq.".