

India Building
84 State St.
Boston

June 15, 1908

My dear Mr. Brooks:

Your very cordial note of the 11th reached me last Friday. The matter to which it related was already under consideration, I having made an appointment with Messrs. Fisher, Ames and Russell to be at my office this morning.

We were all four together at the time and place designated, and took the matter of your note under consideration. It was, however, finally decided, on the suggestion of Prof. Fisher, that it would not be worth while to have a meeting of the Committee at Petersham at this time. He told us very little change had been made since we were there before, and that, in fact, he would have nothing to show us. In the autumn, however, he intimated it would altogether different; and, then, a meeting of the Committee at Petersham would be desirable whether one took place there now, or not.

Accordingly, it was decided to defer the meeting until the close of your summer season, and the beginning of the academic year.

Will you, therefore, kindly bear the matter in mind; and if you will repeat your invitation at such time as would be most convenient to yourself somewhere in the latter part of September, I will notify a meeting of the Committee; and we will all, or such of us as find it convenient so to do, go up to Petersham, and not only enjoy your hospi-

tality, but take note of what progress is being made in the School.

I regret to hear from Prof. Fisher that your foot is giving you trouble. Things of this sort, at the time of life we have reached, are in no way desirable.

Believe me, etc,

Horace R. Adams

James W. Brooks, Esq.,
Petersham, Mass.

At a meeting of the
President and Fellows of Harvard College
in ^{Cambridge} ~~Boston~~, June 23rd 1908

The Treasurer reported the receipt from Mr. James W. Brooks of his deed, duly executed, of all the land in Petersham and Phillipston which he had offered to the University for the Division of Forestry.

Whereupon it was
Voted that the thanks of the President and Fellows be sent to Mr. Brooks for his generous offices in enabling the University to secure this valuable addition to its equipment for thorough instruction in Forestry.

A true copy of record

Attest: Howard L. Blackwell
Comptroller

Mr. James W. Brooks.

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Sept. 25, 1908

My dear Mr. Brooks:

Referring to yours of the 18th, I have to say that Mr. Ames called at my office today, and said that, as he proposed to be at Petersham on the 1st of October, he did not think it would be advisable for him to go there prior to that date.

Accordingly, our Committee will not impose itself on you before the "inn" closes, i. e. Sept. 30. Under all the circumstances of the case, I think it extremely doubtful whether there will be any formal meeting of the Committee subsequent to that date. Meanwhile, Mr. Ames will certainly be at Petersham. I think it by no means impossible also I may myself go up there early in October, after the School gets started, if there is any place where I can be comfortably put up over night. My impression is that there is another house of entertainment after the "inn" closes.

Will you kindly advise me on this point?

I remain, etc,

Charles F. Adams

James W. Brooks, Esq.,
Petersham, Mass.

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PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 1908

Minute on the Resignation of President Eliot

The President and Fellows of Harvard College having accepted the President's resignation, his associates now place on the records of the Board the following minute :

Charles William Eliot was elected President on 12th March, 1869 ; to this election the Overseers consented on 14th May, 1869.

For forty years he has administered the affairs of the University with wisdom, with patient foresight, with courage and with success.

Trained in Harvard College, faithful to its traditions, inspired by its associations, he entered upon his duties with well-considered and definite ideas for the development of the College. Uninfluenced by the prejudices and apprehensions of the hour, he has guided the College into the new ways which have led up to the real University.

Every existing department of the University has been established or remodelled in accordance with his plans. In the College freedom of choice in study has replaced an enforced uniformity. The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences has been created, and has commended itself to students and scholars here and abroad. In the Divinity School the pursuit of truth has been freed from the trammels of sect. To the present improved methods of instruction in medicine he has contributed more than any other person in America. Guided by the man of his choice, the Law School has become the accepted model for the teaching of the Common Law. The School of Business Administration has been established, and a foundation has been prepared for advanced instruction in Applied Science.

He has secured the confidence of the public in himself and in the University. He has at all times maintained the preëminent value of the coöperation of the great teaching body of the College with its governing boards. Holding opinions which he was always prepared to defend, he has expected others to imitate his example.

Firm, courteous, patient, wise, he has made the strenuous service of the College a satisfaction never to be forgotten by his associates in this Board.