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Permit me then, Dear Sir, in behalf of the college respectfully to request you to make the conveyance as soon as may suit your convenience, and to furnish such papers in regard to the land, as you shall judge will be likely to be useful. In requesting the completion of the proposed donation I follow the instructions of the Trustees, whom I cannot again consult until their next meeting at commencement. As soon as your deed is received a suit will be commenced, if found necessary, against the persons, who have settled down upon two or three of the lots. It is possible, that the suit, like other suits for land similarly circumstanced, may be protracted for a considerable period; yet it may be terminated by a compromise, as in other cases of controversy, in which the college has been engaged. The papers, which you may propose to send, I shall be happy to receive by mail.

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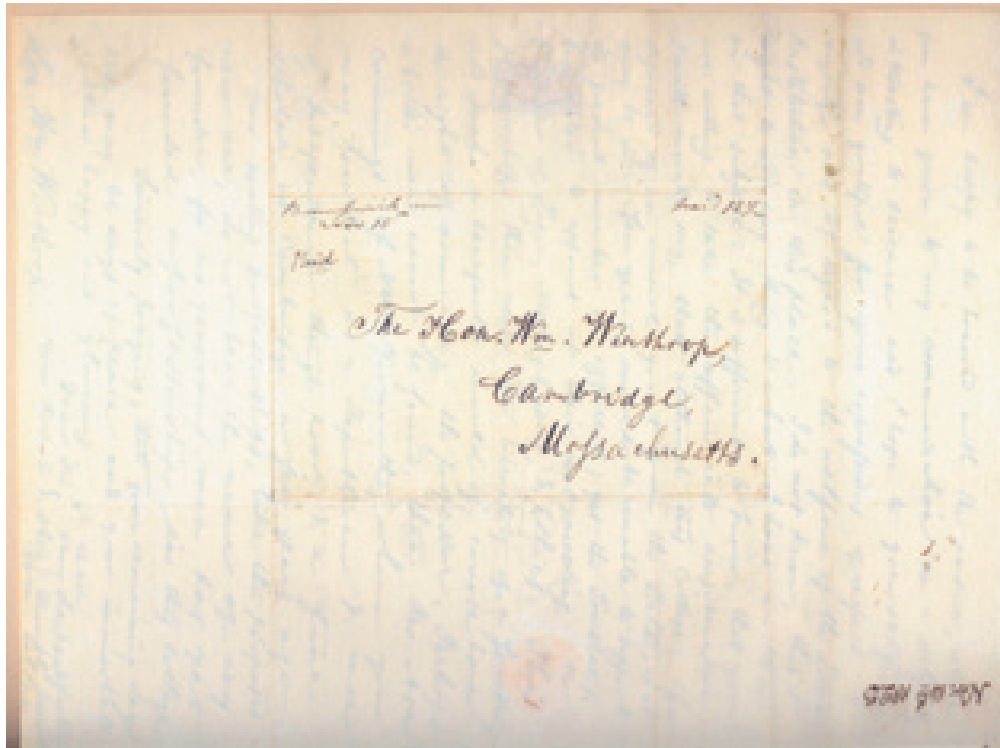
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