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Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 28th ult.

The Executive Committee of our Society feel much gratified, as we are sure that the Society also will, at the prospect of a poem from Mr. Hope at the approaching celebration of the settlement at Jamestown. We have addressed a letter to that gentleman, inviting him to make that contribution to the interest of the occasion.

I shall be happy to read the paragraph which you kindly intend to forward to me, concerning the true date of the anniversary. At present I confess that I incline to the opinion that the belief in the received chronology on the subject is too general and inveterate to be successfully shaken.

Yours respectfully,

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Invitation to
visit Princeton
Prem.

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