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OLMSTED, OLMSTED & ELIOT. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

EDWARD D.BOLTON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

WARREN H.MANNING,
SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANTING.

5th March, 1894

Mr. John Yale,

9 West 17th Street. New York. N. Y.

Dear Sir: - At the time we last met Mr. Goelet at his house in Newport, he requested us to furnish him with a show plan of his estate, his immediate wish being to have before him the correct outlines of the fore-court, terrace, parterre and other arrangements about the house, in order that he might have the date necessary for determining, while abroad, what objects desireable for decoration of the surroundings of his house could be purchased to advantage. In addition to this purpose, we understand that he wanted a plan of his place which should be as complete as possible in every particular. We had no plan at that time which was complete, as changes had been made in the work from time to time for which partial plans only were prepared. We also understood that he desired to have the plan handsomely drawn, in order that he might have a permanent record worthily presented of so much painstaking and actual work as has been done upon his place.

We were unexpectedly delayed in preparing the complete plan by waiting for the necessity of additional surveys, so that in order to get the information to him before he sailed for Europe, we had to make our plan in outline only. We have since obtained additional infor-

mation and have completed the colored show plan, which we have had framed and sent, by express, to his house at Newport. Of this plan we now enclose a much reduced photograph, thinking that you would like to send it to him as it will serve as a convenient pocket memorandum of the arrangement of his grounds.

We postponed sending our bill for services rendered and expenses incurred during 1893, in order to add to them the expenses connected with the preparation of this plan. This will bring our business relations with him to a point at which it can be said that our bill is in full complete.

It is of course desirable that we should have some supervision over the planting and that we should be conferred with in case additions or alterations of the grounds should be found desirable.

With whatever care plantations are originally made they are more or less constantly changing through the growth or death of plants and to obtain the best results, more or less thinning out and replanting should be done every year.

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Yours very truly, -- Veint Viciot

agdun Goelet, Esq.,

To OLMSTED, OLMSTED & ELIOT, Landscape Architects, Dr.

For Professional Services, during 1893, including supervision of contract work, audiling bills; designing partere, improvement of Webster Street, additional planting; planting; making revised plants; supervision of planting; making revised plans for greenhouse, to,

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and supervision of planting, at cost, _ _ _ 90.14 Drangleting materials, at evst, _ _ _ _ 10.76 Show plan, at cost, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 154.32

Traveling expenses, (19 visits.) - - 170.31

\$ 1029.61

Received payment,

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