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Dear Sir

I addressed to you the other day my friend Major Storrow, he unfortunately left my letter but I hope he has profited by my assurance that you would give him such information as his short stay would permit. — I rec^d your letter noticing the receipt of the Circular and hope you will be able to do something for the Collection. — I have written to Phil.^a to endeavour to have a Collection formed there for the same purpose one also at Boston and I hope that you will be able shortly to establish one at New Haven. — They have lately ~~have~~ chosen Lecturers at the Hist Soc. and you will see my name among the number — This plan which was adopted without my knowledge, I disapprove of entirely and I have informed them ~~of~~ it, so that I trust I shall hear no more of it. — They have no money to purchase foreign minerals & to lecture upon American is an absurdity. My own Views are sufficiently developped in the Circular. — The death of our friend Dr Dwight is certainly a great publick loss and to ourselves & many others a great private one. — The misfortunes of this country for several years past had prevented his deal & activity from being so useful to the encouragement of science and our favorite one particularly as would have been the case after this time. — The Choice of ~~our~~ Mr Day, I was much