that he insured the cabinet while it was his own: I felt the trust to be peculiarly confidential & therefore demanding entire fidelity in me — for he assured me — more than once — that if I should leave the college he should remove the cabinet [illegible] never [illegible] a fragment to be taken from it nor any I aware that any specimen was ever stolen.

Excepting a few duplicates (& there are many in some departments) which have been exchanged since the cabinet was ours, every thing remains as it was when Col Gibbs last saw it. —

I trust you will let me hear from you again when you have matured your views as to an inscription &c. I can assure you that every thing will be done here that you & Col Gibbs' sisters may think proper — & with my respects to Miss Gibbs I remain dear Madam your friend & servant

B Silliman.

Mrs Gibbs