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Dartmouth College Case Symposium: Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Dartmouth’s Founding

EDITOR’S FOREWORD

As part of its 250th anniversary celebration, Dartmouth College hosted a symposium to commemorate the “Refounding” of one of New Hampshire’s premiere private, educational institutions. In 1819, the United States Supreme Court in *Trustees of Dartmouth College v. Woodward*, upheld the Dartmouth College charter, holding that the Contracts Clause of the U.S. Constitution applies to public as well as private corporations. Because the college’s charter constituted a contract between private parties, the New Hampshire state legislature could not interfere with it. On March 1–2, 2019, Dartmouth students, staff, faculty, and some of its distinguished alumni, as well as many constitutional law scholars, gathered in Hanover to celebrate and reflect on the decision that preserved the Dartmouth College experience. Several participants offered to further memorialize their thoughts about the *Dartmouth College* case and its impact beyond Dartmouth in this symposium issue of the *University of New Hampshire Law Review*, Volume 18, Number 1. The *University of New Hampshire Law Review* Editorial Board is honored to publish these written works.