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Mr. Bertram G. Goodhue,
Care, Mr. Gillespie, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Dear Goodhue:

Your letter came just as I was leaving Brookline last week and though I started to answer it from New York I never got a chance to finish it till now.

If you were now to resign, merely out of friendship for me, regardless of your own well-known convictions as to the site, I cannot see that it would do any good whatever, and it would certainly harm the Exposition very greatly to lose you.

I don't see why the San Diego episode should interfere with our friendship; because, for all we regret your attitude, both I and my brother absolve you of any unfriendliness or unfairness in the matter.

Even from the standpoint of professional things the fact is not altered that you and I are very much in accord

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in our sympathies in certain directions, in spite of this unfortunate increase in the things about which we know ourselves to be out of accord. You are perfectly at liberty to regard my views upon these matters as one of the more or less amiable vagaries of an otherwise intelligent person, just as I shall certainly regard your failure to appreciate my point of view as due to one of those unfortunate limitations of mind to which the best of people are subject.

It is useless to reiterate that I feel strongly upon the point at issue or to say that my position is not that of the man of straw whom you set up in your letter and then so readily upset. But there is no use in attempting to enter upon an academic controversial correspondence over the merits of the case. Whenever we have time to talk it over at leisure I shall be glad to engage you upon the subject — horse, foot and artillery.

I may go to California in October. How long will you be in Santa Barbara?

Sincerely yours,

Fredrick Law Olmsted