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13th October, 1911.

Mr. Samuel Parsons,  
St. James Building, New York City.

Dear Mr. Parsons;

I have your letter of the 11th.

The firm of Olmsted Brothers resigned from its connection with the San Diego Exposition and San Diego Park Commission and now has no connection therewith.

Our contract was with the Park Commission although our services were to include the planning of the Exposition grounds within Balboa Park as a part of the Park, and we resigned because the Park Commission voted to disregard our advice as to the location of the Exposition, placing it in a position which we felt was seriously injurious to the permanent interests of the Park because of the intention to retain certain of the buildings permanently, and because in the location selected by the Commission these buildings would permanently intrude into the principal, central, open Park landscape.

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We did not feel that we could retain our professional self respect and continue to serve the Commission when they had disregarded our advice upon a matter of such fundamental character. If the decision had been made before we had been called in and we had been asked to make the best of the circumstances as we then found them, we should have felt differently, and we do think that it is very desirable that the Commission should have good advice in doing what they have determined. We have told Mr. Marston of the Commission that if they could get your help it would be a very good thing for them, and personally I should be much pleased to see you take up the work.

Yours very truly,

Dictated but  
not read by  
Mr. Olmsted.