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*W. D. ...*  
Olmsted Bros.,

Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Olmsted:-

*SEP 7 3 21 PM '11*  
*Copy sent to J. Ad. 9/7/11*  
*H. J. ...*

It is with deep regrets and personal sorrow that I received your telegram of today, announcing your resignation as park architects. I am wiring you today, telling you that I am withholding action in the matter, and I beg to reiterate same, as I fear that your action may have been hasty, and that you will be glad to reconsider it when knowing all the facts in the case.

Kindly realize that Mr. Marston took a faithful stand in behalf of the southern site, impelled thereto by his love for and interest in the Park. I, personally, have taken a like stand right along, but was unable to convince the other Park Commissioners. The matter was finally brought up for settlement in a meeting of the building and grounds committee, and it was apparent on roll-call that the majority were in favor of the central site, induced to that course by Collier's and Sefton's statements that the Exposition would be a failure on any other site. Personally these arguments did not appeal to me, but they did to the other commissioners, and likewise to a number of the building & grounds committee, and there is no question that the entire exposition management was either in favor of the central site or would have so expressed themselves at the instance of Mr. Collier. It was with reluctance, therefore, that we had to

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submit to the decision of the majority.

The old order changeth, and maketh place for the new. It is therefore my duty to use my best possible endeavors to have the central site made as attractive as possible, and to do the least possible injury to the Park. If you could have been of service before, on the southern site, you must realize that you can be of still more service on the central location, in seeing that the least possible damage is done to the future development of the Park. In the former case there would have been no danger, in the latter there certainly is, and it requires greater vigilance and attention, even at the expense of one's personal opinions and predilections, to help make the new site chosen a success.

I feel certain the decision arrived at is irrevocable, and hence will eliminate that consideration entirely. For my part, if I felt that my resignation would have helped matters, I would have been glad to tender it, but it in nowise would, and I feel that my duty is doubly strong to see that the best possible results are obtained from the newly chosen site; and I make this same argument to you.

I respect the firmness of your attitude throughout, and regret that the decision arrived at must have personally hurt you. You may find some consolation in the fact that your friends and the friends of the Park stood valiantly by you, but the exposition movement was too strong, and carried things before it.

Yours very respectfully

*Julius Wangenheim*