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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA Feb. 15/12

READ BY W M R
Olmsted Bros.,
Brookline, Mass.

Sent to J F D for approval

Gentlemen:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th, calling our attention to your invoice of Oct. 25th. At your request, therefore, we have been and are giving the matter attention. I beg to state that the matter has been held in abeyance, as I had assumed that its non-attention on our part would lead you to gently let the matter drop.

My hope and expectation that this might be the case were based on our attitude when we paid the last bill in September, 1911. There were a number of items in that bill that, in our opinion at least, required explanation, particularly in view of the fact that by literal construction some question might have arisen as to the park board's obligation to you under the circumstances of your resignation. We, however, waived all these questions, and realizing the trouble that had been caused you, did not wish to add any unpleasantness to the difficulty of the situation, and therefore paid the bills, trusting that the chapter was closed and there would be no re-opening of it.

As I intimated in a letter written about that time, you will realize that as far as the park board is concerned, they had spent a great deal of money for which they had but small results, owing not to any fault of yours but to the unfortunate circumstances which had arisen.

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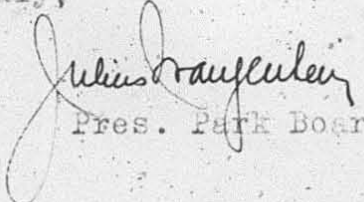
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Personally, I sympathize with your attitude very much, and appreciate your position, nevertheless I feel that your stand in the matter of this bill is untenable, and before giving you a final answer I hope to hear from you. I am satisfied that the general consensus of opinion is against paying the bill, as presented, due both to the fact that from the contract you would seem to have been paid for the full portion of your time, and that having resigned in the midst of your work we have practically nothing to show for the considerable money we have spent.

Kindly take this in the spirit that it is sent, and when we hear from you, if you so desire, we will give you a definite answer.

Yours very truly,


Pres. Park Board.