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June 24, 1911.

Mr. John C. Olmstead,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Olmstead:

Your letter of June 3rd has been unanswered too long but outside work has kept me away so much from my office that it has been almost impossible to keep up with the daily demands. In respect to the sub-division of my land across the canyon, it does not matter very much yet, but I hope that in this coming season, that is, in the winter time, your firm can take up the business and complete it.

Mr. Allen has promised me to accede to your ideas about the location of the exposition and not to agitate further the change. His agreement is not an absolute one, but he acceded to my representations that this divided choice was very harmful and said he should be very glad to be governed by my wishes.

However, all these things are now in abeyance pending the settlement of the more important matter. That is, whether the present Park Commissioners carry on their work independently or come in to the plan and program of the exposition. We are now fighting for the very existence of the exposition and its contracts with the Park board and its contracts with Allen, Goodhue and yourself. I am sending you herewith the newspaper publications of the week. Allen wrote for me the description of the division of works. My own written report for the Building and Grounds Committee appeared yesterday morning. We shall continue to present reports and letters through the week and we expect to arouse public

Mr. John C. Olmstead

June 14, 1911.

sentiment for our side of the case. It seems as if nothing would move Mr. Clark Braly and if the combined force of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, Exposition, improvement clubs, and other supporting elements do not have the effect of making him come in, there will be nothing else to do but to secure his removal. It is a most serious condition and threatens the life of the exposition.

Mayor Wadham has been away for several days and I do not know whether he has modified his views or not. We are still uncertain how this will come out but I have hopes that the people will soon see that there is only ruin for the whole enterprise if the Wadham-Braly plans are allowed to be carried out.

I have advised Colonel Collier by telegram that I think he ought to come home. Have not yet heard from him in reply. I will keep you posted by sending you newspapers and will also write again.

I am very glad to have in writing the views you expressed in your letter concerning the location of the exposition and the reasons for opposing the central site and the granting of railroad facilities through the center of the Park.

With sincere regards, I am

GWM-T

Sincerely yours,

June 29th ~~See above~~ is copy of my letter of June 14th to which perhaps did not reach you. Having succeeded in getting the resignation of Clark Braly et al & the appt. of Wadsworth, Jones & Howard, we now feel that the future is assured. Expect

Mr Dawson July 5th & will not
discuss location till then. Minnie
Waugubium will oppose Center
site. Yrs. W. M. H.