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Messrs Olmsted Brothers,  
Brookline, Mass. READ BY J. J. D.

Dear Sirs:

Saturday morning I went right on with  
exposition and park work while waiting for  
orders from you, and returned to the office and  
stayed there until 1:30 for a telegram. Then went out  
in the park all afternoon staking out planting limits  
for palms in two big side canyons off Cabrillo  
Canyon, and explained the work to Remondet. On  
my return to the office at six I received found  
your telegram waiting for me telling of your  
resignation and instructing me to see Mr. Marston.  
I did this at the first opportunity; then, as  
your telegram read: "Remove all belongings  
from office and ship same to Brookline at once",  
I removed everything of ours from the office up  
to my house where I can pack them at my con-  
venience. By midnight nothing of ours  
was left in the office. I have left however all

correspondence etc. except that relating to our clients (such as Fairmount) and, <sup>excepting</sup> all correspondence to and from the Brooklyn office and San Diego. The correspondence which I have left pertains to the business of the Exposition; eg. quotations on my stock inquiries, regarding orders etc. It seemed to me that I should leave these in the office. I have left all plans of Balboa Park except two: namely the planting plan and the top to go with it at 200 scale and <sup>a few</sup> blue prints & white blue line prints on which I had Mr. Dawson's and my notes on planting for all parts of the park. As these were all in an unfinished state and are, it seems to me, our preparational notes which do not belong to the client until we have prepared & plans from them, I took them with me. The other plans of Balboa Park are all at the office. I shall wire asking what disposition you wish made of them.

Mr. Donald has sent in his resignation by mail Friday to take effect not later than Tuesday night. He will stay as long as that in order to protect the property over the holiday of Monday.

Mr. Donald speaks a good word for Paul Thorne his assistant whom he thinks will be a valuable man for our work anywhere.

Mr. Hussey is anxious to leave Mr. Allen since we are going. He is ambitious to study engineering for a year before working again.

Mr. Rementer will probably stay for the present. When we have a good position to offer him he would be glad to consider it. He is most loyal to the firm; but I have advised him to continue for the present until we can find a good place for him; because I know he needs the money he earns monthly.

I telephoned Mr. Waugenberin this morning that I had quit and had removed our effects from the office. He is hoping for a compromise with Olmsted Brothers. He asks that I would stay long enough to hear from you. I shall pack as fast as I can. Owing to the holiday tomorrow I cannot get boxes to pack our books, office things etc. will send them Tuesday by fast freight. I hope to get away with my family the end of this week and go to Riverside for a couple of days.

I am sending you night letters as follows:  
 Your telegram received. Also Dawson's.  
 Everything already removed from office except

plans. Send specific directions regarding plans.  
Send bills. July full time. Deduct four  
and half hours August. Will present to  
auditor. Send checks here two hundred  
fifty August, and three hundred fifty to travel.  
Expect leave Saturday for Riverside."

This will give me a chance to receive all mail from  
you, <sup>before I leave</sup> also checks and bills which I will present to  
the City Auditor.

I shall expect to go east, <sup>direct</sup> from Riverside; or I  
may get letters from you with instructions  
to attend to some of your work on this coast.  
If I do I will follow your instructions.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Benson

Will send you my routing east as soon as  
I have made it out.