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Olmsted Brothers,  
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3586 Sixth St.,  
San Diego, Cal.,  
Sept 8, 1911.

Dear Sir:

I am expecting your final decision regarding your resignation from the Balboa Park work this morning. Mr. Waugenheim's letter which he read to me was so clever that I have felt a little uncertain; but before seeing him I sent you a telegram showing how Allen & his party are taking every advantage in the delay in your resignation; so that I doubt if you will be persuaded to withhold your resignation. I am making arrangements to sell my furniture as well as I can, but am still waiting for your orders to leave. I don't see if how you can change your position and therefore I am hurrying with my preparations for my leaving -

8.45 am. Your telegram has just come saying Allen asks you to withhold decision until you get a letter from him, and instructing me to wait further orders at San Diego. I am extremely

disturbed that you are delaying like this. I can not see where you are going to get any good in this delay and I see Allen each day taking tremendous advantage of it.

Allen is hoping to get me to take the landscape work here. He wanted to write Mr. Dawson to see if it could not be arranged. I talked the matter all over with him and lead him on as far as possible, and tried him to act on his own responsibility about writing the firm or wiring.

I have no intention of having anything to do with this job <sup>now that</sup> after you are through with it.

I have found that by keeping friendly with Mr. Allen I could get an advantage over him. It has helped me through all these troubles by leading him to speak more freely to me than he would have otherwise.

He has already interviewed Donald and Hussey to try to keep them. Donald is merely waiting for your final word. Hussey has agreed to stay until Sept Oct 1. because he needs the money <sup>to leave</sup>

Allen told Donald that he wanted to get rid of Mr. J. Colmeted but wished to keep Dawson and Donald working for him.

I secured word last night that the crowd of <sup>the</sup> opponents of the present Allen-Collier-Septon <sup>journey</sup> including I presume the Wide Awake Club

have hired a ~~clock~~ <sup>hall</sup> for Saturday and are going to demand explanations of where the money has gone to. On receiving your telegram that you were withholding to please Allen I hurried down to the Tel office and wired you as follows: Every possible advantage is being taken of your delay in confirming your resignation. Make meeting of old disgruntled party early Saturday. Many complications may result. You are making an awful mistake to delay a single hour. Unprincipled game being played by Allen. " I feel that telegrams are not private if any one of influence wants to get at them at the Western Union Office, but I felt the situation so serious that I needed to act very positively with you. I fear that if your resignation comes after this mass meeting it will be so twisted in the papers that many people will think Rusted Brothers <sup>are</sup> discredited. Allen is desperate and bold and is controlling everything, apparently. He won't hesitate to discredit Rusted Brothers in any and every way that will be of advantage to him.

I do hope your final resignation will come positively to-day.

As regards our business end of this, I believe I will have vouchers for your full bill as presented ready for you to-night or to-morrow; and after that money is paid I think this job is worth very little indeed to us; as long as Allen is here, anyway.

Conditions are getting very serious here; and knowing that, I called on Mr Wangerheim and I think there will be no doubt about his putting our bill right through. He is in so much trouble now that he is getting worried and shows it and I told him I would leave town as soon as Olmsted's bill was surely paid; because I wanted to avoid getting mixed up in any trouble at all.

He understood and took his hat and hurried out to the City Auditor's.

He told me Mr. Belcher was won by me the afternoon I took him out into the Park the day before the meeting; but the other party turned him around and that he is sorry now; because there is serious trouble with the Golf Club who will lose their grounds.

Mr. Wangerheim is blaming Belcher for not standing by him. Please remember that Mr. Wangerheim is constantly double tracking

that he gave himself away to me plainly the other morning when he read me copy of his letter to O.W. He showed that he really hoped O.W. would resign.

They are all in hot water now and I don't intend to help them out by letting O.W. my firm delay and get mixed up in the trouble, and have Allen throw the discredit and blame on O.W.

I am going to make sure our bill is paid first; then I want to get out and let the storm follow.

I cannot see where Ousted Brothers can get any good by staying with this organization. If Allen, Collier, Sifton, Wangerheim, Forwood were all thrown out and their friends; we might be able to come back and work on the park; if they ever sell their million dollars worth of bonds.

Having kept you so thoroughly informed of matters here, I sent only telegrams of facts stated moderately. But since your decision to withhold came I have felt I must be more positive and I thought my telegram of Sept. 6. day message would bring quick positive action from you. I hope you received it. It read as follows:

"Unos this morning displays full page plan

and description central site. They willfully misstate  
vote was unanimous and misrepresent you  
and insinuate you now favor and accept  
central site of Allen's. Your resignation has been  
kept quiet to give them advantage in first pub-  
licity. Your telegram received and followed".

I found it difficult to describe the situation  
to you in a public telegram. I stood over the  
operator and saw both this telegram and today's  
~~started~~ transmitted.

I will send other letter regarding the Harston  
work.

Allen is determined to put Olinsted Brothers out  
of the control of this work. I had thought I had  
made this perfectly clear in my letters. Now by  
delaying to wait for his letter you are playing right  
into his hands. I am so disappointed to  
get your telegram this morning still delaying instead  
of acting.

I shall go to Riverside Mon. or Tues if possible  
and then home via San Francisco and Denver  
and Rio Grande, stopping off at Salt Lake City, Denver,  
& Colorado Springs, as far as I can now tell. Will  
report when settled.

Yours truly  
Harold M. Crosson