

June 17, 1911.

Mr. James F. Dawson,  
% Washington Annex,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dawson,-

I received Mr. Olmsted's letter of the 11th. from Seattle two days ago, but have not taken up the matter yet with Mr. Marston, as Mr. Olmsted instructs me to do, because the matter is just at this moment in a very critical state and I believe it will be settled definitely one way or other Monday of next week. The news came out this morning that the Board of Directors have all of them put their resignations in the hands of the acting Director General, and they will be put into effect very soon unless the Park Board takes suitable action to work with the Exposition Directors or resign. The Mayor for several days has been in San Francisco, and although wired for does not return. Rumor has it that he is on one of his occasional drunks and therefore does not pay any attention to the many telegrams sent him. Braly, the President of the Park

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Board refuses to take any action whatsoever, or say anything in the absence of his boss, Wadham. Therefore, unless something very definite and satisfactory to the Exposition Company is arrived at by Monday the entire Board of Directors of the Exposition will in all probability be out of the Exposition. They have stated that they will personally, from their own money, pay off the present outstanding bills and obligations of the Exposition Company, amounting to about \$17,000, and then the whole affair will be wound up, except to collect what money they can from the Park Board to reimburse them for what they have paid Olmsted Brothers and for what they have paid for work done in the Park under the contract with the Park Board. This amount would more than make up the \$17,000, which they at present would have to advance from their own pockets. Just how the matter is going to come out I can in no way state or surmise. If the Exposition Board of Directors resign I will consult Mr. Marston first and then pack up and go home.

Can you tell us where the 3000 Anemone coronaria were planted? We have no record of their location. Cumming took them from our office, as you remember; that is all I know about them.

As you directed, we planted some 75 of our 400 *Seaforthia elegans* out doors, while the rest were put in the

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15' lath house. I fear we shall have to move the ones from out doors into the lath house immediately, as they are burning up with the sun and looking very badly indeed. Those inside the greenhouse are throwing out new leaves and are doing very well. We still have a little space in the lath house for these, but I put them out doors according to your orders to try the experiment.

We received letter from you recently, also letters from Laura and others at home, which we are very glad indeed to have.

My sister is coming down from Los Angeles on Wednesday. It will be funny if she arrives just when we are packing up to go.

I hope your work will keep you in Seattle just a little longer, so that I can send you absolutely definite news before you finish at Seattle.

Very truly yours,