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My dear Olmsted

I am now on my way up to San Francisco for a few days - & as I am trying to get my correspondence all in shape to leave - you'll forgive me, I'm sure - if I write a very short answer to your long letter.

Please don't misunderstand my attitude. It is not one of wilful obstruction by any means. I am glad to do - and indeed am doing my best in working away at San Diego - but and since you told me that you regarded building - no matter how well composed as a disfigurement - & I in my turn said that to me landscape architecture was merely the proper means of letting down from pure artifice - i.e. architecture to pure nature - is natural landscape - I have felt that the difference in our points of view was so great as to be irreconcilable -

I recognize that my position at San Diego is due, little, or none at all, to what I may have done - but almost wholly to your encouragement of me - therefore I hold myself ready to withdraw
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The facts - that you ^{nam} promptly voted any suggestion I
have made - & that your theory of the placing & mass-
ing of buildings is so distinctly different from my own.
& that the Baltimore Cathedral is of the utmost interest
to me now, make me realize that I perhaps should
otherwise have had you to turn my part of the work over
to Mr. Gill - or whoever the committee may choose to
designate.

Just as your letter arrived I was finishing up another
sketch plan - that the Master Mr. Allen asked me to
make - as I told them it isn't satisfactory to me - but
is, I think, better than those that have gone before. &
as good perhaps as I am capable of for the site chosen.
It quite disengaged most of your recommendations - being
made in advance of their receipt - however in no
particular I had already decided with you - namely
to reduce the height of the spire - I got off I believe
15 ft of the height formerly shown - & in a more careful
sketching gave another 5 ft height in gained.

No doubt you'll hear directly from San Diego as to
the opinion of the committee on this sketch

Faithfully yours

Burham Doolittle