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SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

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Gentlemen—

I herewith present
a letter from Mr. Frederick
Law Olmsted, the leading
landscape architect
of the U. S.

When such a man
admits that he has not
reached satisfactory conclu-
sions in regard to the
planning of Californian
parks and that he
believes what has been
done will eventually
be discarded I think
all experimental work
that can be done
in our city will be of great

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Value in the future
when plans for our
park are undertaken
by the city.

Very Respt
Miss Sessions

Please preserve this
accompanying letter.

22nd October, 1891.

Miss K. O. Sessions,

P. O. Box 713, San Diego, Cal.

Dear Madam:- Returning from a professional journey, I have just received your favor of the 14th October.

I have not visited San Diego, but have several times been in the southern parts of California, and have had a residence of three years in the State and have given the subject of the suitable designing of pleasure grounds in it much thought. I cannot say that I have reached an entirely satisfactory conclusion, but of this I am satisfied: that most that has been done in that respect throughout the State is unsuitable and will eventually be discarded, and that all ~~aims and ideas~~ ^{ideas} derived from good practice in the Atlantic States and the North of Europe must be abandoned. In such an extensive and important work as that you contemplate at San Diego, originality of treatment suitable to the special local conditions would be necessary at every point. We feel that such a work would require, for a long time, the close and absorbing attention of the designer, and we regret to be obliged to say that, with our present engagements east of the Rocky Mountains, we do not feel that we could undertake to give the problem such attention, at least for some time to come.

Respectfully,
Yours,
Frank Law Johnston,
F. L. Johnston & Co.

PETITION OF

Miss. Kate. O. Sessions.

— FOR —

Purpose of giving
views of F. L. Olmsted
on Parks

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By

Deputy.