

and who for some reason only known to himself, told me, to my surprise, that he regarded me as his personal enemy, invented a scheme of dividing the Committees into permanent Sub-committees, and getting rid of me by that or any other means. When he proposed his schemes to you, it would have been only fair to ask me my side of the story, but I suppose you thought you were doing a kindly diplomatic act in not raising such a discussion. I understood, however, from your letter of last June and otherwise, that there was to be only one undivided committee, of which you asked me to be chairman. I am now surprised to learn that division of the Committee has taken place, and that there has been an executive of three appointed who, although not acquainted with ^{such} accessions or exhibits, or the arrangements and developments of ^{such} a museum, are given the exclusive charge of these matters, and ^{who are} that I will merely become a member of a General Committee without any powers.

This is certainly not the treatment to which either Dr. McCord or myself are entitled. I am sure that you will some day soon find the system unworkable, and you will also have to recognize the true facts of its origin.

Faithfully yours,

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