

Department of State,  
Washington, June 17 1890.

E. Carr, Esq.,  
Alternate Commissioner to the World's  
Columbian Exhibition.

Sir:

Adverting to my circular letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to advise you that alternate Commissioners to the International Exhibition to be held at Chicago in 1892 are not expected to go to that city to attend the meeting of the World's Columbian Commission on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, except in those cases where the Commissioners whose alternates they are shall be unable to go.

That part of Section 3 of the Act of Congress providing for the exhibition which



relates to the subject reads:

" + + + + and in the same manner  
" and within the same time there shall be  
" appointed two alternate commissioners +  
" from each State and Territory of the United  
" States and the District of Columbia and eight  
" alternate commissioners at large, who shall  
" assume and perform the duties of such  
" commissioner or commissioners as may be un=  
" able to attend the meetings of the said com=  
" mission."

It is expected that the inability  
of a commissioner to attend the meetings of  
the commission or perform other duties of his office, will  
be ascertained by the alternate commissioner by corres=  
pondence between them on the subject as the day for the  
meeting or for the performance of other duties approaches.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James H. Blaine