

Private and Confidential

Chicago, August 5th, 1890.

Hon. Elias Carr,

Alternate Commissioner for North Carolina:

Dear Sir,--

At a meeting of Alternate Commissioners of the Columbian Commission, held at the close of the meeting for the organization of the Commission, an Association of Alternate Commissioners was formed for the purpose of thoroughly interesting Alternates in the work of the Commission and affording opportunities for their greater usefulness in the Exposition. At this meeting I was directed to issue this letter and its enclosure to each Alternate Commissioner. This letter is purely personal and private, and is intended to convey to you the following general opinions arrived at by Alternate Commissioners present at the first meeting, viz.: That it is most desirable that Alternates should be present at all meetings of the Commission; that at least one-third of all the places on Standing Committees, except the Executive Committee, should be filled by Alternates, but that, for the present, no mention should be made of remuneration, trusting to the fairness of the Commission or of Congress in future action.

It gives me much pleasure to say that after a long personal interview with Hon. Thomas W. Palmer, President, and with the Committee on Permanent Organization, I have every reason to believe that the status of Alternates in the Columbian Commission will be the same as that held by them in the Centennial of 1876.

If you approve of this movement for the recognition of Alternates on the Commission, you will please sign enclosed letter, get it countersigned if possible by your principal, and forward it without delay to headquarters.

I remain

Yours truly

*G. E. Gordon*

Secretary.