



Mayor's Office

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ADOLPH SUTRO, MAYOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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To the Committee on Selection of a site

for the Affiliated Colleges, San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:- A number of sites, more or less suitable for the proposed buildings for the Affiliated Colleges, have been offered to you : I have, myself, offered several.

The great objection that has been raised against most of these is, that they are too small for the intended purpose.

You probably know that, some years ago, I reserved a magnificent site, consisting of Twenty Six and Thirty-Six Hundredth (26,36-100th) acres, for the Sutro Library which was specially selected for its admirable protection against a general conflagration (no matter how much the city may extend) by hills that project on either side.

This site is situated on the south side of "J" St. at an elevation of 400 feet above sea level and of 125 feet above Golden Gate Park. It is well sheltered from the westerly winds, has been planted with trees that

form a beautiful grove and commands a superb view of the Park, the Ocean, the Golden Gate, Marin County and a portion of Contra Costa County.

It is less than two blocks from Golden Gate Park and is directly accessible by two railway lines and probably a third which will pass in front of the premises.

Its distance from the New City Hall in an air line is 13,600 feet or a little over two miles and a half.

I hereby offer, free of cost, this whole property to the University of California for the erection of buildings for the Affiliated Colleges, only reserving therefrom a piece of land for the Sutro Library.

The erection of these buildings will not much impair the Library's security against fire, as the College buildings may be constructed, to a large extent, in a fire proof manner and placed a distance of more than 100 feet from the Library building.

The first pre-requisite for a college is a library: it makes it doubly advantageous therefore to have the Colleges located in its immediate proximity.

Some of the details in regard to the reservation for the library, the grades, the location of the Colleges &c. will have to be left for future discussions and agreement, but I do not think that more than six (6)

acres will be required for the Library buildings.

This, of course, is an opportunity for the University and, through it, for the Affiliated Colleges to obtain a property of great value, which is unsurpassed in location and adaptability for your purposes and, if you desire to have me meet you to answer any questions, I will be delighted to attend at any time you may mention.

I herewith enclose a plat of the ground.

Respectfully Yours



Mowbray C. Little