

PRESIDENT'S ROOM,
COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

New York, May 3rd, 1892.

The Hon. John Bigelow,
Estate of Samuel J. Tilden,
15 Gramercy Park, New York.

My dear Mr. Bigelow:

I am obliged to you for your letter of yesterday and for the invitation to be present at the conference you are to hold on Thursday afternoon next. I think I will not attend the conference, as the object of my communication has been attained in letting you understand that you can count upon Columbia's cooperation, so far as I am concerned, at any time when you think the interest of the city may be advanced by our working together. You realize, I am sure, that anything identified with Columbia shares the permanency of an institution which is both historic and which belongs to a long-lived race! Funds committed to our care have the security, for their protection, of about twelve millions of dollars, and they can be administered without additional expense. In other words, your strength can add greatly to ours, and our strength can add greatly to yours. With this thought I wish to leave to you without embarrassment the solution of your problem in your own time and way.

I am, My dear Mr. Bigelow,

Yours sincerely,

John L. ...