Chicago, October 24, 1906.

Drainage Board:
Chicago, Illinois,

Gentlemen:

The Merchants Club has made an arrangement with Mr. Daniel H. Burnham to prepare a comprehensive and logical plan for the future development of this city and its environs along lines of convenience and beauty, similar in scope to those plans prepared for Washington, D.C., Manila and San Francisco by Mr. Burnham.

By unanimous vote the Merchants Club has instructed this Committee to request that the Drainage Board appoints its President (ex-officio), or, if he cannot serve, then one of its members whom we can from time to time consult as the plan develops, and who will later co-operate with us, wherever practicable, in getting the plans carried out. This request will be made of the following: The Commercial Club; the Board of Education; the Art Institute; the Chicago Commercial Association; the North, South and West Park Boards; the Western Society of Engineers; the American Institute of Architects. Possibly some others may later be designated by The Merchants Club.

The Governor (ex-officio), the Mayor (ex-officio) and several of these Associations have already accepted our invitation. We have presented this matter to your President personally and have been advised that he is personally favorably disposed to the project. We shall be pleased to have your acceptance of our invitation officially confirmed.

Respectfully yours,

Frederic A. Delano
Charles H. Macker
David R. Forgan
Edward B. Butler
Charles D. Norton
Committee

Walter H. Wilson
Chairman Finance Committee.

President.