

# Department of Public Instruction.

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Although I regret that you have felt it necessary to resign, I must respect your wishes and reasons by transmitting to the Lieutenant Governor in Council your resignation, along with your recommendation concerning your successor.

I trust that you may long continue to enjoy the comparative rest which your services entitle you to, and which your physical vigor promises. I know that the benefit of your mature judgment and wide experience may be had at any time for the asking, even though you have severed your official connection with education.

Mr. Parmelee wishes to join me as an officer of the Department in my expressions of regret, respect, and best wishes.

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