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~~Culane University of Louisiana,
Medical Department,~~

~~New Orleans,~~

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Narragansett Pier, R. I. Aug. 2 1885.

Dr. H. P. Bowditch,

Dear Dr.:

I regret exceedingly that you were unable to find me at Parker's on Friday last, and that I did not receive your note until 3 1/2 P. M. too late to get to your rendezvous and accomplish its object, as I had to take dinner and the 3:30 P. M. train to this place.

I desired to see you, not only to visit your laboratory with you, for I visited it last year without you, but also especially to consult with you about the Int. Med. Congress.

The original Comtee. complimented me more than I wished and I had to decline one post tendered me, because I was unwilling

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to add any responsibility and labor to my present duties which occupy all my time and are more agreeable as well as more profitable. The new County, which is most disagreeable to me, as far as represented by Cole & Shoemaker, has placed me in a position which under any circumstances I would much rather not have. This substitution of yourself by me was of course done solely to give greater prominence to other sections than the eastern cities. But I desire you to understand that I had nothing whatever to do with it, that under no circumstances did I wish the place, and that my sympathies have been with the original rather than with the new County.

My wish is to resign when officially notified and such was my intention when I left Boston, and such is my present expectation. Yet on my arrival here I found a letter from my friend & colleague Prof. Richardson, who, in behalf of both

Dr. Davis & himself, urges me not to resign. In such matter no man has greater weight with me than the two named, and their earnest request annoys me greatly; in as much as I would much prefer not to have the place even under most favorable circumstances, while present circumstances are to me personally very disagreeable.

I would be obliged if you would inform Dr. Folsom & Chadwick of the above facts and of my present unpleasant hesitation. This hesitation is especially disagreeable to me, who usually decides promptly and firmly, and I would be much gratified if you would give me any facts which would aid me to a decision.

Is there not good reason to believe that the Int. Congress will not meet in U.S. in 1867 and thus solve the difficulty?²

I expect to visit Boston again for a day or two sometime between Aug. 20th and Sept. 15th and hope then to meet you.

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In order that I may do so, please
inform me of your laboratory hours
and at what time I am likely to find
you least occupied with official or other
duties.

Yours very truly,

Stanford E. Chandler

Should you see Dr. Chadwick
please thank him for the card of
invitation (enclosed in your letter) to
his club and permit my regret that I
was unable to avail myself of it.