

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. Washington D.C.

3 For. 1887.

Vir : In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress organizing the Smithsonian Institution, and on the application of three of the Regents, (a copy of which is enclosed, I hereby appoint a special meeting of the Board of Degents, to be held on Friday the 18th of this month, at half-past 10 o' clock a.m., at the Insti-

tution.

Yours respectfully,

Acting Secretary, S.S.

Dr. Asa Gray Cambridge Maso

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, Nov. 3rd., 1887, the following Preamble and resolution were adopted.

Whereas - The death of Professor Baird, the honored Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution occurred at a time in the last summer when from the absence of certain Regents in Europe, and from the dispersion of others in different parts of the country it was found impracticable to summon the Board of Regents in extraordinary session, that it might take appropriate action in the premises under the immediate pressure of that deplorable event, and

Whereas - The time has now come when such an extraordinary meeting is practicable, and is believed to be required alike by the proprieties and by the possible exigencies of the situation resulting from the lamented death of the late Secretary, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Acting Secretary of the Institution be requested to call a special meeting of the Board of Regents to be held on Friday, November 18th. at 10.30 A.M.

> James C. Welling Henry Coppée M. C. Meigs



Langley, S. P. 1887. "Langley, Samuel P. Nov. 3, 1887." Asa Gray correspondence

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