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## Letter from John Muir to [Sidney V.] Smith, 1896 Jan 13.

John Muir

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Jan 13, 1896

My dear S. S. Smith

I see by the newspapers  
that like good old Paul the  
apostle at Ephesus, you  
are fighting with wild beasts.  
This is not so <sup>very</sup> hard to a clean  
generous soul, but I fear from  
what I read last eve that  
some one you loved & trusted  
or almost loved has been  
unfaithful & gone over to the  
enemy. This from my own  
experience is cruelly hard  
to bear. But be of good cheer  
& stand up bravely even against  
this. No man in this wicked  
world has a right to expect  
smooth level untroubled  
happenings. But every man  
has a right to suffer &  
must suffer. ~~For~~ To teach  
us certain lessons it seems  
at times necessary that  
the Lord should call but  
kill us. But be strong  
nevertheless. Your reputation  
only yourself can hurt  
& this I for one know  
you will never do. because  
I am ever yr friend  
J. D. R.

Mr. John Muir

In Account with H. P. MOREAL & CO.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BROKERS,

1428, 1430 & 1432 Park Street.

Alameda, Cal., Jan. 13th 1896.  
1896

Nov. 1	By ap 1 mos. Rent to Dec. 1, 1895.	500	
" 6	" bal. 1 " " " Dec. 1, "	1000	
Dec 5 1896	" 1 " " " Jan 1, 1896.	1500	
Jan. 6	" 1 " " " Feb. 1, "	1500	45.00

1895	<u>Charges</u>		
Nov. 6	To Renting	200	
Dec 5	" Ed. Rent	100	
" "	" rep. sink. faucets and closet	225	
" "	" Remodeling Water Closet	250	
1896 Jan 6	" Ed. Rent	100	
" 11	" Cash. (check)	1063	
" 13	" City Taxes. \$24.40 ad. 5% \$1.22 =	2562	
		<u>\$4500</u>	<u>\$4500</u>

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[Rough draft of letter found on back of voucher marked, in Muir's handwriting, Moreal Acct., Jan. 13, 1896, this voucher date probably has no bearing no date of letter itself.]

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