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Letter from Sidney V. Smith to John Muir, 1896 Feb 8.

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My dear Maria.

It is very good to know
that you have been watching
and concerning yourself for
me during my fight.

I have done nothing wrong.
but was foolish or unfortunate
enough to get into bad
and dangerous company.
who intended to hurt me
in the lurch. I saw the
danger. and was quicker
than they. hence their
irritation and abuse.
It serves me right for

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not being sufficiently careful
about my associates.

However, I have got out
by the skin of my
teeth and am now with
old friends and men of
honor. Even if I lose the
present case, which is
not probable. There is
no possibility of my being
chewed up.

Many thanks, my friend,
for your expressions of
confidence and sympathy,
which are very precious
just now.

Yours affly. Sidney J. Smith