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Martinez, California, Apr. 27, 1896

My dear Colonel Sellers,

I mean to go to Alaska in about a month from now & I thought Frank might want to make the trip with me. I shall go by the regular steamer to Sitka, thence by a small mail steamer to Yakutat, Prince Williams Sound & Cooks Inlet — to see the Fairweather alps from the outside, & Mt St Elias & the glaciers thereabouts — & learn what I can. The trip will probably be free from desperate adventures though slightly rough & damp. I feel sure Frank would enjoy it & endure it in grand style indeed I am all right, since Mrs Sellers triumphantly survived a weeks pounding on those Rocky Mountain quartz mills called Yellowstone mustangs, & the sluggish blast of the Continental divide & above all Catlins killing corrosive cooking, Icy Alaska must seem easy by contrast. And then just think of the glory of white St Elias & the broad crystal glaciers pouring to the sea!

I saw Keith last Saturday. He is doing charming work but is making too much money for mental wealth & is as extravagantly unreasonable unpersuadable & unmanageable generally as ever. So I of course he must go to the wilderness with me. Ever Yours

John Muir

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