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Department of the Interior,

General Land Office,

Washington, July 8, 1891.

Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from the Department of a letter dated New York, May 25, 1891, from Mr. R. U. Johnson, Associate Editor, Century Magazine, enclosing a rough sketch map of a portion of the Sierra drawn by Mr. John Muir of Martinez, California. Said map, Mr. Johnson states was drawn at his request for the purpose of indicating the limits of a proposed reservation which should include the two Kings River Canons.

Mr. Johnson suggests that a comparison of said sketch map with the maps showing the new reservations will show the extent of the reservation as suggested by Mr. Muir and that the limit can be readily marked out by this office. The matter is referred to this office with request to prepare a map showing the legal subdivisions embraced in the proposed reservations.

In reply I have to state that the sketch map has been examined in this office and an attempt has been made to compare the same with official maps with a view to showing the townships and parts of townships which it is desired to have reserved. It is found that the data given by said sketch is not sufficient to enable the office to fix even approximately, the limits of the proposed reservation.

Mr. Johnson's letter and enclosures are therefore herewith returned to the Department with the suggestion that Mr. Johnson be requested to procure more definite information respecting the limits of the tract which it is desired to have reserved. To that end I enclose a copy of the official map of California upon which it is believed that Mr. Muir, owing to his familiarity with the country, will be able to designate the particular townships which should be reserved so far as the surveys have been extended and, by projecting the lines across the unsurveyed country to show the unsurveyed townships to be reserved with sufficient accuracy to enable this office to prepare a description of the lands to be set apart.

Very respectfully,

T. H. Carter,

Commissioner.

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