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## Letter from Mark B. Kerr to John Muir, 1891 Nov 16.

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Mark B. Kerr,  
Civil and Topographic Engineer,  
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San Francisco, November 16. 1891

My dear Prof Muir, - Your letter of 12<sup>th</sup>  
reached me to-day. - I feel sure that I  
can organize the Expedition and arrange  
everything so as to be satisfactory to you  
for as the Scientist of the Expedition you  
will be entirely independent of my move-  
ments as Astronomer & Executive officer.  
As soon as matters are in a more def-  
inite shape I will confer with you  
and we can together formulate a plan  
of action which I think will be  
successful. -

Russell made the same  
mistake the year just past, as we  
did the year previous. - And profiting  
by his experience, we can establish a  
camp on East face of Elias, at our old  
Camp "Dome pass". - Then you and I  
can make the rush for the Sack-

bone, leaving 6 men to bring up rest of supplies + 2 men to provide us with means for holding the fort until we can get settled weather long enough to succeed in reaching the summit.

Then, if we have good luck, we can return to base camp + we can take a sledge journey up the Seward Glacier, discover its sources, cross over + via Copper River, have a try at Mrazell

I have an idea of forming 2 parties, and have a boat party sent up Copper River, meeting us at head of Chittyna or perhaps further up the Copper and give us a source of supply. But time enough to arrange the details, when I have everything in hand, but I feel we will succeed, and now must wait + see what the Topographical Corps will do, and arrange about the additional money required by private subscription.

Very truly  
Mark B. Herd