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November 25th, 1891.

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John Muir, Esq.
Martinez, Cal.

My dear Muir:-

I have just time to acknowledge receipt of your fifteen original sketches of Alaska glaciers, and of the letters relating to the Yosemite, to which I will give attention as soon as possible.

In the report of the Secretary of the Interior, to appear on Monday next, he backs up the friends of the reform in Yosemite, and also has the following paragraph which will interest you:

"Your attention is also requested to the paper contributed by Mr. John Muir to the number of the Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine for November, 1891, entitled 'A rival of the Yosemite - the cañon of the South Fork of Kings River, California.' It furnishes maps of this section and is illustrated by most admirable engravings of the wonderful scenery there existing. The engravings are chiefly from the pencil of Mr. Charles D. Robinson. These gentlemen as well as the editors of the Century, especially Mr. Johnson, have taken a great personal interest in the forest reserves in California,

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and are worthy of great consideration, both from their ex-
perience and intelligence. The magazine article mentioned ad-
vocates the extension of the Sequoia National Park so as to
embrace the Kings River region and the Kaweah and Tule Sequoia
groves. The boundaries are there set forth.

"The subject is recommended to your favorable considera-
tion and action."

Mr. Ward of Hite's Cove has been in to see me about al-
tering the boundaries of the Yosemite, and we have about agreed
that it is best to throw our influence in favor of a moderate
reduction of the mining townships, especially as they are not
very parkable. From what I can gather from the California
papers there will be an effort to take off some of the terri-
tory which it is very desirable to keep. I shall look the
matter up very carefully by the Land Office reports and go
before the Public Lands Committee.

*Sincerely
Rufus*

*As I am sorry to say Mr. Johnson
is afflicted with a protracted illness
I cannot meet you soon,
Rufus*

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