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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1892 Sep 27.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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I will then have one
for all of us here

I hope Wanda and
Helen and their dear
Mama are all well.

I hope one of them
will write to some of
us before long.

I send love to you
and all of the friends
Affectionately
Mother

Please ask David
to let us know
where the screws
are for the storm
windows

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PORTAGE, WIS.

Sept^r 27th 1892

Dear John

We are all
well as usual here
and are pleased to know
by your letter, that you
and all the friends that
are now arounds you
are also well.

You have had a good
deal of changing round
lately. I hope it will
turn out for the good
of all.

Anne is much pleased
to know that Mr. Stentzel

is in Texas as she
thinks she will enjoy
the visit very much.

I hope you are
releived of having so
much business in hand
by selling off some of
your land.

I am quite sure
all of your friends will
be much pleased to have
you at home for one
season.

While here you
told us you would
like to see a picture of
the home we had when
we left Scotland, so I
wrote to my friend

Mr William Cornie
asking him to get me
if possible a picture of
of the home we left.

He very quickly
responded to my wish
by sending me three
Photos - I have decided
to send one to you so
that all the friends
near you may see
the old place if they
wish. I think Margt
will recognize several
of the houses of that
was seen in the picture.

I will also send
one of the Photos to Daniel
so the friends in that
direction will see it.

Department of the Interior

Washington

September 27, 1892.

My dear Sir:

I have yours of the 19th instant, relative to the Yosemite Park, propounding me three questions upon which you desire to be informed, which I will answer in the order in which they are presented:

"1st. As to the reservation made by the President referred to in the protest of the Anti-Park Association of Tulare Co., is this reservation of 7000 sections substantially the one proposed by Muir in his article on 'A Rival of the Yosemite?' the King's River Canon region?"

I do not recollect to have seen the protest spoken of, and from an examination of the records of this office, I find that the same has not been presented here for consideration. The land embraced within the National Park was set aside, not by the President, but by an act of Congress, approved October 1, 1890, 26 Stats., 650, a copy of which I herewith enclose you. I also enclose a copy of the rules and regulations prescribed by me for the observance of parties who visit the park.

"2d. Will you kindly say whether or not the public lands committee passed any legislation in regard to the Yosemite, either State Park or the national one?"

Congress having no jurisdiction over the State Park, no legislation has been had with reference thereto, but it, by act of July 19, 1892, granted to the county of Mariposa, California, the right of way for a free wagon road, or turnpike, across the Yosemite National Park in said State, on the condition that said road should be completed within five years from the passage of the act and the United States in no wise to be liable for any expense at any time on account of the building of the road, or turn-pike, or for keeping the same in repair, and upon a forfeiture or abandonment thereof, the land covered by the right of way shall revert to the

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