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February 10th, 1893.

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John Muir, Esq.
Martinez, California.

My dear Muir:-

Now, if ever, is the time to push Yosemite re-
cession to a vote in the California Legislature, as well as
to labor with the Governor in case you see any prospect of
getting the bill through. *and the earlier the better, before he is too much committed* I say "now", because I have just
had an interview with Mr. Allen, special agent of the Depart-
ment, who tells me that he saw you in San Francisco, and that
Noble's great scheme for the reservation of the Upper Sierra,
from Wawona to the latitude of Bakersfield, is to be pro-
claimed very soon.

For reasons which I have already expressed to you in
a recent letter which you had not received when you wrote
your note of the 3rd of February, nothing practical can be
done in Congress until we hear the result of the movement in
the California Legislature. It is very desirable that if
you cannot succeed you should get the thing to a vote, at
least, for that would give us an excuse for moving for an
investigation, as I shall certainly do upon the reassembling
of Congress in extra session, this spring. I shall have
a motion made for a Congressional investigation, and report

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as to the advisability of a repeal of the original grant. It would do no good to have such a measure in the present Congress, because even if a committee were appointed it would expire within two weeks; but with the aid of the new reservations which Noble is making, and which will reflect lasting credit upon him and the present administration, I think you ought to be able to carry the vote at Sacramento. Do not fail to labor with Markham.

Irish is fighting me savagely, but that is a game two can play at.

Yours faithfully,
R. U. Johnson