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Martinez, March 14, 1843.

My dear Mr Johnson.

I was greatly surprised yesterday when I made the discovery that Mr Warren Olney the Vice President of the Sierra Club was is a friend of John P. Irish! And I have good reason to believe that he is working for Irish's appointment to the office of Land Commissioner. I think he has just written to Smith the new Sec of the Interior in his favor. He told me yesterday that he was going to write. I told him what I thought of Irish & how he had treated you & Gossomite, he replied that all this was shameful nevertheless he had many good qualities etc etc.

I have called a meeting of the Directors of the Club to draw up an address to Noble recognizing & thanking the glorious forest work he has done & thanking him.

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also an address² to Hoke Smith
hoping he will walk in the same
blessed forest ways as his predecessor
etc. I perhaps remonstrating against
the possible appointment of Irish
to the Land Commission. etc -
But you can do infinitely more
in this line than we can. as you
understand all the machinery &
are standing close by with your
hand on it. I think Mr Irish
is now in Washington waging his
big democratic claims, & though
wicked, like the devil he is a smart
& has great power in dark places.
Do what you can to make light shine
on him. The Yosemite-report is
capital. Go ahead in Washington -
California I am convinced with
do nothing about recession for a long time
though not opposed generally to it. Ever cordially
John Muir

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