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Personal

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My dear Mr. Muir:-

I have made my personal protest in a letter to the President against the appointment of John P. Irish as Commissioner of Public Lands, and I do not believe that that appointment will be made; but if good citizens of California care anything about the matter, it is time that they also should protest, or else forever after hold their peace. I consider it a part of good citizenship to warn the President of his peril in making such an appointment. Why should

this type of man flourish by the sufferance of the citizens whom he misrepresents? Is there nobody in California who sees the peril and

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, California.

disgrace of such an appointment or is it true that the S. P. has the state under its thumb. And if this be the case why speak of Californians as part of the free republic.

"Who would be for themselves must strike the blow!" Stir up some of the "timid good" to action. (only)

Robinson is here and I'm trying
to get Hoke Smith to give him an in-
terview on the general subject of forest
preservation. I am also recommending
to him(s.) to consult you and Ward of Florida
& Charles S. Sargent, the authority on trees,
with a view to an 'early establishment'
of a policy of care for the forest preserves.

Next winter if I am alive there will
be a move to 'repeal' the grant of 1864 through
an investigation.

Thanks for your letters and information. I am
keeping a file. Yours faithfully,

R. N. Johnson

Hoke Smith
new Sec. of Int.