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## Letter from John Muir to [Robert Underwood] Johnson, 1893 Mar 21.

John Muir

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Martinez March 21, 1893.

My dear Mr Johnson. I was glad to learn by your letter of the 9th. that you had attended to J.P.'s Land Com. case. I had written to you on the subject before your letter reached me.

I saw Mr Olney our vice President the other day, a personal friend of Irish & found that on the strength of my recommendation & the guess that his recommendation would be without avail he left it out of his general letter to Sec. Smith. But fearing he had not done so I wrote a counter letter to the Sec. protesting as President of the S. Club against J.P.'s appointment.

Committee bill I guess is done for, at least for this time.

As for recession, nothing as far as I can learn has been done & the Legislature has adjourned. But although all will have to be hammered over again our blows have not been altogether without effect. I

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calibrated <sup>2</sup> has I understand  
been abolished, many lines of fencing  
removed, & things generally are  
better managed. Still I hear nothing  
of the appointment of a reputable  
landscape gardener to lay out  
& manage the groves & meadows.  
The saddle & carriage horses the  
company claim are no longer  
turned loose in the valley to pasture.  
Still I suppose the unskillful  
grubbing & trimming goes on as before.

I have again taken up the  
Alaska articles & will try to do  
something with them though  
the big subject keeps running  
beyond magazine bounds.

Thanks for the invitation to visit you  
will sometime. The Appletons have written  
twice asking for a book on mountaineering.  
Ever cordially Yours John Muir

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