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Letter from Dr. K. Keck to John Muir, 1876 May 18.

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Hickory Hill Upper Austin

May 18 1876.

Mr. John Muir,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of April 17 came to hand. Though refusing my proposal not being able to comply with my wishes you wrote so cordially that I feel encouraged to address you an other demand.

It is your compatriot Mr. McLean Suggist, corner of Stockton and Ellis Street, San Francisco, who invited me, two years ago, to exchange botanical specimens with him. I accepted with pleasure his proposal and sent to him a fine collection of 800 species through the Smithsonian Institution. But though I wrote to him two or three letters I never heard a word from him. He did not

even acknowledge the receipt of
the plants.

You will highly oblige me, Sir,
by giving notice in two
lines whether Mr McLean
is dead or what may be the
motive of his silence.

If it is out of its power to fulfil
his promise he should at least
apologize himself.

I hope you will not be angry
with me that I trouble you
for affairs which are nothing
to you, but I have no acquaint-
ance in your down to apply to,
and the Consul of my country,
to whom I wrote about this matter,
has not answered, too.

Believe me always disposed
to do you every service in return.

Very Truly Yours

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