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Letter from A. Kellogg to John Muir, 1882 Jan 10.

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California Academy of Sciences.

POST OFFICE BOX, No. 2247.

San Francisco, Jan 17th 1882

Dear Friend Muir

Your idea is grand - very glorious. I just believe
but excuse me if I do not come up with my finger
in my mouth. I've been running rather & this then
to find a map of Tulare Co. - hitherto find
none. Now the only way to speak definitely
is to write to the Co. Clerk of Tulare & get a
bearing - probably at the cost of 25 or 30 Cts.
Then we can get the boundaries & purpose.
Must ascertain what name to address & go
for him - meanwhile I've traced from
our Curator of Mineralogy - C. D. Gibbs, - Surveyor or
showing the Eastern most grant of the Co. - the promised
ten miles in case they do not get their land within
the 10th - This I presume is also subject to condition
of Gov't reserves &c so that this need not obstruct
our efforts. Please see how this comports with
your suggestion. Will now go to the "Mechanics Instⁿ

Been, find none - but am certain the whole forest land lies East
of all survey on the Sierra domain.

Bounded Thus - Commencing on line between
Township 16 N 16 S. Mt. Diablo at the 30 mile
limit of S. P. N. R. to Range 28 E. Thence
following the 30 mile limit of S. P. N. R. to T. 31
S. 24 S. - Thence E. on 6th Standard Line
to the Crest of the Sierra Nevada, Thence
North along S. Crest to Township Range 32 E to
Millstone Mt. - Thence West to the place of
beginning.

As to troubling one horse Clerk's own - That was
only a cornered & transient shot - I don't
want that with the dog - its no use!
Just got this item to let you see how
the comparison. - But I'm immensely
better.

Am obliged to decline your very kind
request of a visit - but on some more
fortunate occasion I shall be most glad
to do so

Yours Truly
H. Kellogg

California Academy of Sciences.

San Francisco, Jan. 10, 1882.

Dear Friend Muir:

Your idea is good -- nay glorious! (just like you), but excuse me if I do not come up with my finger in my mouth. I've been running hither and thither to find a map of Tulare Co - hitherto find none. Now the only way to speak definitely is to write to the Co. Clerk of Tulare and get a tracing -- probably at the cost of 2 to 5 dollars. Then we can jot the boundaries to purpose. Must ascertain what name to address and go for him. Meanwhile, I've traced from our Curator of Mineralogy, C.D. Gibbs', map-surveyor, etc., showing the easternmost grant to R.R., the provisions 1 ten miles in case they do not get their land within the 1st 20 (alternate sections). This, I presume, is also subject to condition of Gov. reserves, etc. so that this need not obstruct our efforts. Please see how this comports with your suggestion. Will now go to the "Mechanics' Institute". Been, find none, but am certain the whole forest land lies East of all surveys on Uncle Sam's domain. Bounded thus -- commencing on line between Township 15 & 16 S. Mt. Diablo at the 30 mile limit of S.P.R.R. out range R. 28E, thence following the 30 mile limit of S.P.R.R. to R. 31, T. 24S., thence E on 6th Standard Line to the crest of the Sierra Nevada, thence north along crest (township range 32E) to Millstone Mt., thence west to the place of beginning.

As to troubling one-horse clerks awa' -- that was only a cornered and transient thought -- sober 2nd that saith nay -- it's no use! Just got this item to let you see how it comports -- suits me immensely better.

Am obliged to decline your very kind request of a visit, but on some more fortunate occasion I shall be most glad to do so.

Yours truly,

A. Kellogg