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TENTH CENSUS
OF THE
UNITED STATES.Tree Covering; Forest Wealth;
the Lumbering Industry.CHAS. S. SARGENT,
Expert and Special Agt.

Department of the Interior,

CENSUS OFFICE,

Brookline, Mass., *S. Feb 27 1882**Dear Friend Muir*

My notice in writing to you
was simply for you to have the credit of
urging the Bill of 4th Congress Session
3634 to completion, and the
revision of the Boundaries. I did not
propose to write to Senator Miller at all
myself ~~or it does matter~~ who does this
you have done more than any one else.
it is no use to dwell on these points -
there is such a thing as justice
now - all flattery to the dogs I say
you are the man that ought to do it
It would not take you 10 minutes
to write all that ought to be written
- the shorter the better - they don't sit

want to read & say & all that - what
the biggest point is the point - now that is
simply to change the boundaries or rather
copy verbatim what I sent you and send
it on - ^{if you choose} extra word or so - send your
pamphlet that will serve for all you
need today.

Now if my endorsing any thing you
write will help at all, why I'm on
hand if I have to lie a while with one
eye all night!

I just dash off this to prompt you
to duty - had you never put your
hand to the plow your excuse
would have been valid - but now, no

Parry and I with all friends of
the measure here will consider
what we can do after your first
move

These Gov't moves towards public
reservations for other functions is yet
scarcely inaugurated - if at any time in the
future public interest requires them to relinquish
they can do so - part by part upon such
conditions as justice & righteousness require
I'm not here to dissent - if indeed it were
the proper occasion - there are times &
tides - & to be taken at the doing flood that
tide will run to the good harm of our
heart's desire.

With the kindest regards to you
all - ad ever

Truly Yours

A. T. Allen

Department of the Interior

Census Office

San Francisco, Feb. 12, 1882.

Dear Friend Muir:

My motive in writing to you was simply for you to have the credit of urging that Bill of 47th Congress, 1st Session, S 363 & S 463 to completion, and the revision of the Boundaries. I did not propose to write to Senator Miller at all myself, and it does matter who does this. You have done more than anyone, etc., etc. It's no use to dwell on these points. There is such a thing as justice. Now all flattery to the dogs, I say you are the man that ought to do it. It wouldn't take you 10 minutes to write all that ought to be written -- the shorter the better -- they don't want to read essays and all that. What's the briefest pith is the point -- now that is simply to change the boundaries or rather copy verbatim what I sent to you and send it on - extra word or so if you choose. Send your pamphlet -- that will serve for all you need to say.

Now if my endorsing anything you write will help at all, why I'm on hand if I have to lie awake with one eye all night!

I just dash off this to prompt you to duty -- had you never put your hand to the plow your excuse would have been valid -- but now, no. Parry and I, with all friends of the measure here, will consider what we can do after your first move. These Govt. moves toward public reservations for other generations are yet scarcely inaugurated. If at any time in the future public interest requires them to relinquish they can do so part by part, upon such conditions as justice and righteousness require. I've notion to descant, if indeed it were the proper occasion. There are times and tides -- to be taken at the doing flood that tide us on to the good haven of our heart's desire.

With the kindest regards to you all, as ever,

Truly yours,

A. Kellogg