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Letter from Sydney V. Smith to John Muir, [ca 1882] Jul 27.

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July 27.

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You owe me a call. For one evening. After the conclusion of a law I was trying at Martinez and my dinner. I took a buggy and drove out to your place, missing my road once. And so not arriving at your gate until half past eight. The lower part of the house was already in darkness. Lights were only to be seen at the upper windows. the

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My dear Muir,

You owe me a call. For one evening, after the conclusion of a case I was trying at Martinez and my dinner, I took a buggy and drove out to your place, missing my road once, and so not arriving at your gate until half past eight. The lower part of the house was already in darkness, lights were only to be seen at the upper windows, the dogs were baying in the farm yard, and the front gate was padlocked. I did not like to jump the fence, I respected the dogs, and I did not care to bring you downstairs in what might seem to country people the middle of the night, so I turned my horse like an Arab and silently stole away, disappointed at not being able to see you and your wife and your baby. When all this was I could not tell you without reference to the Court records in the case of Garilo vs. The American Central Insurance Company.

The other day I was at Gale, B.C., where I got into a discussion with a would-be geologist who was firmly of the opinion that the Fraser River Canyon had been cut by the water, that there were signs of the old shore-line, of conglomerate, etc. along the cliffs. Of course my loyalty to you made me take the other side, the in-theory side, of the question, but you can well believe that I soon showed how sadly I had neglected all the advantages of travel and intimacy with you. And now can you refer me to any one published paper of yours in which the arguments in support of your glacial doctrine are most concisely and clearly stated, so that I may slay mine enemy with your weapons? And perhaps some day you will drop into my office and receive my assurance that I am still,

Very truly yours,

Sidney V. Smith, Jr.

John Muir, Esq.,