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## Letter from John Muir to David Gilrye Muir, 1867 Dec 13

John Muir

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Cedar Keys Florida

[1867]

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Dear Mr. David I am a sufferer  
of sickness, I have had fever more or less since  
since the first attack I had a very high fever  
three days ago, have been confined to bed ever  
since I have not been able to do any  
business any time since I was sick I am troubled  
with drenching night sweats which are very  
weakening in my forces I am often unwell  
but I hope that my somewhat constitution will  
bear it all, hopes of enjoying the glorious  
mountains & flower-fields of America

does much to sustain me  
I know that I would soon recover if I were  
at home, I feel more like getting well now  
than I have for a long time, say to mother  
the girls that I am getting better, don't  
tell them any more, your letter of the  
20<sup>th</sup> or took twenty days to come  
As soon as that 75 dollars reaches me I will  
take the steamer for New Orleans if  
the doctors there tell me to go home I  
suppose I will have to submit -  
I suppose those fears are the price of my walk  
I am willing to pay it - I hope you are all  
well, Has Dan returned to Mich, Did you  
receive my plants - My money is nearly all  
spent, I hope to get that package per Ex one  
day

Goodbye and my love to all

[Original letter in possession of David Gilrye Muir]

Cedar Keys, [Florida],  
Dec. 13, [1867].

Dear Bro. David:

I am still a prisoner of sickness. I have had fever more or less ever since the first attack. I had a very high fever three days ago. Have been confined to bed ever since. I have not been strong enough to come home any time since I was sick. I am troubled with drenching night sweats which are very weakening. In my fever I am often insensible, but I hope that my sound constitution will bear it all. Hope of enjoying the glorious mountains and flower fields of S. America does much to sustain me.

I know that I would soon recover if I were at home. I feel more like getting well now than I have for a long time. Say to mother and the girls that I am getting better, don't tell them any more. Your letter of the 20th Nov. took twenty days to come.

As soon as that \$75 reaches me I will take the steamer for New Orleans, and if the doctors there tell me to go home I suppose I will have to submit. I suppose those fevers are the price of my walk, and I am willing to pay it. I hope you are all well. Has Dan returned to Mich.? Did you receive my plants. My money is nearly all spent, I hope to get that package per Ex[press] ere long. Goodbye, David, my love to all.

[John Muir]