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publication reserved. Written
by John Muir in January, 1872,
while residing in his pine
cabin at the foot of the Yosemite
Falls.

Yosemite Valley
January 17th 72

We are pretty closely snowbound
having had but one mail in
two months. I hope to get this
over the snow tomorrow.

Here is a plume of the great Libo-
cedrus all golden with ripe stam-
inate cones. Think of the tree
on which it grew, near 200 ft
in height, 30 in diameter spiring
up in the mountain air in
gold & green, or waving &
laving in storm. Give part
of this spray to Mrs Gullaway
I hope that it will be having
when it reaches you. & give

#184
00208

you all a tingle of pleasure.
We have had the grandest
flood that has occurred in three
years. More than one hundred
falls averaging near 3000 ft
in height came together in
glorious jubilee. Besides a
countless company of silver
artesian gleaming everywhere
a perfect storm of waterfalls
the smallest with a voice that
was hearable at a distance
of several miles, possibly
an account of this storm
may appear in some of the
papers & I will try to send
it. I must deal later
that you are very happy
with your Danie & wee ones
I have so much to say that
I cannot speak at all
Some day we will talk

At all ones Give my kindest
regards to Danie & the old Mrs
Galloway & to all of the
broad branching family
that you meet

I am very busy
with my ice etc. Also
I have written a few
letters that may appear in
the N. Y. Tribune
With this mail I send
30 letters & the writing of them
together with my glacial
studies have kept me busy
I am well. with everlasting
love to all John Muir