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March 24th, 1890.

Dear Mr. Muir,-

I inclose a copy of Mr. Olmsted's letter in reply to Governor Waterman. This letter has been published during the past week in the New York Evening Post. I also inclose a copy of Vanderveer's bill, the only fault of which <sup>is</sup> that the limits of the new Park are too narrow. Yesterday's New York Times published <sup>(inclosed)</sup> the fifth letter from Mackenzie confounding Waterman, and the New York Sun of March 21st contains an editorial appealing to the independent press of California to intervene for the protection of the Valley.

*I shall appear before the Public Lands Committee in favor of your limits & have asked Mackenzie to write a fifth letter to the Times recommending them or at least a larger slice.*

*The Valley must be left to California local sentiment assisted by "outsiders"*

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, Cal.

*Your faithfully,*

*R. U. Johnson.*

*I am expecting your MS. every day.*

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+ many of his men  
Gara had suffered from their  
deprivations of

The valley or Kahunah tribe

another expedition against  
the Yos

The Mariposa Battalion

Ten Killed in Action  
of 53

Unfortunately, with the <sup>disappearance</sup> of the Indians  
the charming garden & some  
vegetation <sup>at the base</sup> is rapidly vanishing  
The axe & plow are busy  
in garden & from trees are  
logs & stumps. All that is  
destruction on the level  
accessible portion of the  
valley floor is being destroyed  
in a few. The glory is disappearing