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Letter from John Muir to Editor of the [Oakland] Tribune, 1890 Sep 11.

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Martinez, September 11, 1890.

To the Editor of The Tribune--Sir:

Referring to a discussion of Yosemite affairs in your columns, I would state that twenty years ago I was employed by the month, by Mr. Hutchings, to saw lumber from fallen timber, with which to build cottages in the valley. I never cut down a single tree in the Yosemite, nor sawed a tree cut down by any other person there. Furthermore, I never held, or tried hold any sort of claim in the valley, or sold a foot of lumber there or elsewhere.

At the time of my first visit to the valley, and while I lived there Galen Clark was guardian. He is guardian now, and to that gentlemen I would refer you for further information should you require it.

Respectfully,

John Muir