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Raymond, Fresno Co., Cal.  
Dec. 25, 1890.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I enclose a clipping of an article of mine. A few land-grabbers are endeavoring to create opposition to the Park, and the Yosemite ring is trying to help them in an underhand way. If the landgrabbers were wise they would not seek to draw attention to themselves. If U. S. Land officials would do their duty there would be a devil of a rumpus over the timber that has been grabbed by "syndicates" and others in the Park region.

I see a report that Mr. Special Inspector Newsham has returned twenty-odd photographs of depredations committed in the Yosemite Grant. Somebody perhaps has been giving him a little light since he was up there. But I am positive that

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he left Wawona intending to make  
a whitewashing report; and, indeed,  
he was so carefully "steered" that  
of his own knowledge he could make  
no other. His visit was absolutely  
worthless. But if he has seen a  
light since then, it may be well with  
him. I would, however, like to see  
his report. Cannot you get it for  
me.

I hope that you are enjoying a  
Merry Christmas. At New York it  
must now be about the dinner hour.

Yours very truly

Geo. G. Mackenzie;