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ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

Jamaica Plain, Mass.,.....May 3,.....1898.

My dear Muir:

I have yours of the 25th telling me of your efforts about the reservations. You or somebody has evidently put in some good work, as on Saturday all the members of the Public Lands Committee of the House agreed to oppose the Senate amendment wiping out the reservations. It won't do to stop here, however, as a few senators are strong in their determination to break up the whole reservation business and the rest of the Senate is entirely indifferent to the subject.

All I know about Abbot is contained in this note which reached me a few days ago. I suppose he is off to Paris again unless the Government has grabbed hold of him to build a fort or some other foolish thing of that sort.

I guess you would be "cranky" if you had such a troublesome job on your hands as I have, although I suppose you would have no difficulty in gathering the flowers of an *Abies* on the top of the Sierras, a Palm in the Everglades, and another on an uninhabited key between Florida and Havana, all in the same week.

Come east this summer and we will go and see those Appalachian trees together and get Canby to go with us.

Faithfully yours,

John Muir, Esq.
Martinez, Cal.

C. S. Sargent.

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Clear & common sense of & practical
unclean politics many senses of & improve
"Exceedingly remarkable" - table

Your main points are somewhat in
comparatively unimportant details

No anomalies in the Sierra system
Malaya p. 105

or noble for p. 106

That in some of the jungle forests of India
sheep & goats may do good I doubt
doubt that in other forests, they are only
evil always

Forests managed with intelligence & honesty
to secure the Sierra of men, goats and
with regard to the management of the forest
liberal remuneration

Temporary measures p. 22, Academy report