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New York, January 2nd, 1897.

John Muir, Esq.

My dear Mr. Muir:-

Permit me to recall myself to you as a companion with you on a very pleasant trip through a part of the Yosemite Valley in 1889, and several days thereafter as a participant with you in some social affairs in this City, notably, a dinner with Miss Barney.

I hear from Professor Sargent that he has been with you this summer, and his experience accords with that of everyone who has had the pleasure of your companionship, and I am very sorry that my absence in Europe deprived me of the pleasure of seeing you.

One of my sons is a "mighty Nimrod" and is an enthusiast as to large game. He has spent several weeks for three successive years at and around Jackson's Hole and beyond getting a few elk and one or two bear has not many trophies from his rifle. I may add, however, that he is a true sportsman and although he might have shot any amount of elk and mountain sheep he refrained from doing so from love of the animals, contenting himself with one or two of the male species. He told me that he might have shot

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fifty elk if he had been so disposed and as many doe, but he never killed a doe. He is exceedingly anxious to go to Alaska for an Alaska Grizzly, and my object in writing to you is for some advice as to an itinerary where he can reach such game as the country affords. I know your tender feeling toward living animals and that you do not approve of taking life, but no harm can come to the species if the sportsman restricts himself, as my son does of his own accord. If you have the time and inclination will you not kindly give me some advice as to where he should strike for and also some suggestions as to his outfit for the purpose of hunting. Any suggestions that you feel like making will be cordially appreciated by me. I hope we may have the pleasure of seeing you here at no distant period, and I hope and trust that whenever you are here you will let me know, for I desire to enroll myself as one of your ardent friends and admirers. With cordial wishes for a happy New Year and all the blessings of life, I am

Very sincerely yours

Henry E. Howland

If you by any possibility could be prevailed upon to visit him & his guide I should feel very content for I think had much it would add to his pleasure

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