



1897-02-14

Letter from John Muir to [Theodore P.] Lukens, 1897 Feb 14.

John Muir

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence>

Recommended Citation

Muir, John, "Letter from John Muir to [Theodore P.] Lukens, 1897 Feb 14." (1897). *John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)*. 2143.

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence/2143>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the John Muir Correspondence 1856-1914 at Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in John Muir Correspondence (PDFs) by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

on a recession of Yosemite to Nat- Government

Martinez, Feb 14 1897

My dear Lukens.

As you no doubt have seen by the newspapers our resolution for Yosemite-recession has failed in the Assembly. I wrote to Melick & others on the receipt of your telegram and got a resolution in its favor from the Sierra Club but not soon enough to be of use at present. I also tried to get Mr Olney & McAllister to go with me to Sacramento to speak & work for the measure but at length had to go alone, though far from being the right man for such work. I went up last Wednesday only to find that the matter had been disposed of before I arrived. At the noon recess I spoke to a dozen or so of the Assemblymen & most of them said they would have voted for recession had they understood the matter. Melick did not let me know when the vote was to be taken, & as the enemies of the measure had the field nearly

all to themselves they succeeded though
without a single argument that was
sound in their favor.

Perhaps more than nine tenths of the people
in the state favor Federal control
yet they nearly favor it so languidly
that they do nothing & say nothing,
while those few pecuniarily interested
say & do with all their might.

President Jordan is heartily with us,
so is Senator Perkins & the Governor
& Judge McKenna & indeed nearly everybody
& we will I think win at last. For
things refuse to be mismanaged long.

We have made a good beginning
anyhow. Possibly the measure will be
granted a rehearing.

Remember me to Mrs Lukens & Lottie
& all your family.

Ever cordially yours

John Miner