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Pasadena Aug 4. 1898

Mr John Muir

Dear Sir

I send you by even date copy of L.A. Evening Express, with article marked on Editorial page — I had written two before on the same general subject which were printed on the same page, and this one is the result of a letter I wrote to Mr J. P. Luskens (who is in Big Bear this summer) for facts regarding the devastation of our Mountain reservations by sheep — I am, two or three times a year, an eye witness of the rascality in question.

I have read with great satisfaction that the sheep have been driven out of the Sierra reservations & we wish, perhaps against hope, that the same thing could be done here. I wish the "Express"

(Mr C. D. Willard) might be commended for using ~~the column~~ his paper in this good cause, and (I make the suggestion with deference) if he could receive a card of approval for his Editorial from so distinguished an authority as yourself, it would doubtless be very gratifying ^{& stimulating}. I have never personally met the gentleman, but I believe he is a man of parts & has the welfare of So. California at heart — (He has a circulation of 12 to 14000)

My son, who is in his office for the College vacations, tells me that he has a copy of your book "Mountains of California" on his desk

With Great Esteem

Berry D. Fay

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