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Letter from C[harles] S. Sargent to John Muir, 1897 Mar 10.

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ARNOLD ARBORETUM,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass.,.....March 10,.....1897.

My dear Muir:

Stiles, the editor of Garden and Forest, ~~and~~ ^{and} of whose political judgment I have much confidence, says, - "Of course you want to make a public opinion as fast as possible and if you can get into California papers an idea of your purposes, showing that they are not revolutionary and not hostile to the interests of the western people, and disseminate this through the west as quickly as possible, you will do a good thing."

You understand what our views are--that they are not revolutionary--and you can certainly help more than any one else in instructing the west about the intentions of the Commission. I have not seen yet a California paper with anything about the President's proclamations and have no idea what you and your friends are accomplishing on your side of the continent. In next week's Garden and Forest there will be an account of what has been going on in Congress and a brief outline of what ought to be done to secure the best results from the reservations. It is pretty evident to me that we are going to lose the outcome of all our work and that the reservations are going to be thrown open unless a ^{big} fire can be set in the west to check the ~~univ-~~ ^{universal} condemnation which our action seems to have called for.

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I hope you will write me frequently about the situation which troubles me very much.

Yours very truly,

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