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Martinez, California

April 10, 1899

Professor C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir:

I thank the "wealthy New Yorker" and you for inviting me to join a scientific party in an excursion to Cookes Inlet and Kodiak. This is the only part of the N.W. coast I have not visited and I am strongly tempted to accept so flattering and advantageous an invitation at once. But I am partly engaged to lead a party into the Yosemite region in May and I cannot at this time be sure that I could be ready to join you at Seattle the last week of May. Besides I could hardly say positively that I could join the expedition without hearing directly from the leader. Anyhow I assure you that after travelling so long alone I would be very glad to see this interesting icy region with so many companions able to teach me so much that I am eager to learn. Hoping to meet you ere long I am

Very truly yours,

JOHN MUIR

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