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**Letter from Morgan Shepard to John Muir, 1903 Jan 24.**

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SAN FRANCISCO, January 24, 1903.

John Muir, Esq.,  
Martinez, California.

Dear Mr. Muir:-

In excuse for taking your time, it might be well for me to tell who I am in the initial part of my letter. Though I have long wanted to know you personally, I am not the kind of person that inflects his letters or society without some reason. Therefore, in extenuation of my requesting some reply from you, I would say that I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Maria Whitney of Cambridge Mass., the own sister of Josiah Whitney, (this lady is an aunt of mine by marriage). In this letter she asks if it is possible for me to secure a large photograph of Mount Whitney, which should be comprehensive and suitable for having an enlargement made for the purpose of placing in the Memorial Room devoted to the memory of Josiah Whitney at Harvard College. I do not know of any one to turn to save you in this matter and possibly The Sierra Club. If you can give me any information or put me in touch with any photographers who might have a photograph of Mount Whitney, I will greatly appreciate any trouble you may take in the matter.

I have spent many pleasant hours with my niece, Miss Marian Hooker, and her friend Miss Ellie Mosgrove, going over their delightful expedition in the mountains with you this Summer. They are so cordially and naturally enthusiastic about you that I have found myself, at times, waxing jealous and also felt that I should over-step the points of conventionality and claim friendship for you through them, though I have long had pleasure in your wonderful books. This little agenda is merely in the line of personalities, which are pleasant, are they not? Help me if you can in the matter of this photograph and oblige,

Yours most faithfully,

Morgan Shepard