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## Letter from [John Muir] to [Charles Sprague] Sargent, [ca.1903 Mar 23].

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Dear Professor Sargent:

It is with mortal disgust that I bother you again about the time of sailing after it has already been twice fixed, & berths engaged. I am being worried out of my senses with letters telegrams & telephone messages about the President's little trip to Yosemite. Here is the whole confounded story: <sup>glance over it &</sup> tell me what you think of it.

A week or two after agreeing to go to Russia with you I heard through our Senators that the President wished to make

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an excursion<sup>2</sup> with me into the high Sierra ~~in the~~ spring some time in April or May.

Later, <sup>several other</sup> ~~a~~ more definite messages <sup>came to me</sup> through President Wheeler of our State University ~~from the last of which I~~ ~~quote~~ to all of which I replied that a prior engagement would ~~prevent~~ ~~my going~~ ~~making~~ ~~from~~ the trip unless it was <sup>to be</sup> made very early.

~~May.~~ Yesterday I received still another letter from Wheeler ~~beginning me to write~~ ~~etc from which quote~~ you as I am ~~surely~~ ~~definitely~~ ~~fixing~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~

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stating that <sup>3</sup>  
The President would arrive  
at Raymond by special ~~car~~  
Train Friday morning, <sup>May 15<sup>th</sup></sup>  
drive through the Mariposa Grove & Yosemite  
& return to Raymond on the evening  
of the 18<sup>th</sup> thus allowing  
me, if I could go, to  
leave for Boston May  
19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> - & begging me to  
write you etc. though I had  
Yesterday I also received  
a letter from the  
President, from which  
I quote.

I assured him our arrangements  
were all made, berths secured  
etc.

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A four days <sup>4</sup>trip seems a  
small affair to make such  
a fuss about, & could not  
justly be allowed to derange our  
plans for a six or eight  
months trip, still it would be  
a good chance to talk forest  
affairs & especially to urge  
immediate action on the  
proposed reservation of  
the Northern Sierra Forests,  
against the ~~establishment~~ of  
which the lumbermen  
sheepmen etc are now  
making a bitter fight. Still  
<sup>however</sup> this might perhaps be about  
as effectively discussed in  
a letter or two. Anyhow tell  
me as soon as you can by

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Telegraph, <sup>whether or not 5</sup> without causing  
undue haste or confusion  
of any sort I have <sup>time to</sup> make this  
four day trip. Whichever  
way you decide I'll be  
heartily satisfied & start  
for Boston, <sup>in thankful mood</sup> any day  
you say.

I hope you, <sup>will</sup> like the  
Silva review. When you  
read the proof, strike out  
anything on it you object  
to. ~~strike~~

Faithfully yrs

Letter to Sargent on  
the President's Yo  
trip

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Mt Kenya in Equatorial Africa

Few of nature's agents of denudation  
have left monuments as great as  
the snow after a life time  
of study to realize the  
amount of earth sculpture  
done by glaciers that  
are sheets of ice streaming  
in the development & modeling of landscapes  
during the last gl. period  
probably more than a mile of rock have  
been ground rubbied & cast into the  
glaciers are streams of  
sea  
closely compacted  
& welded  
snow crystals.

[A]

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that I bother you again about  
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already been twice fixed,  
& berths engaged. Here is the  
whole confounded story,  
& which ever way you settle  
the question involved will  
be promptly & heartily  
accepted by me.

A week or two after <sup>agreeing</sup> accepting  
you to go with your  
invitation to join you  
I received a <sup>vague</sup> message from  
the President through our  
Senator stating that he  
wished to make ~~an~~ <sup>camp</sup>

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