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## Letter from Alden Sampson to John Muir, 1903 Mar 28.

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Los Angeles, 28 March, 1903

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, Cal.;

Dear sir, Mr. Gifford Pinchot has been so kind as to give me a letter of introduction to you, which I very much appreciate. I shall later be in the vicinity of San Francisco, and with your permission, will then pay my respects to you in person. The purpose of my work is sufficiently explained in Mr. Pinchot's letter, which I send herewith. I am forwarding under separate enclosure a brief report on Game Refuges, wherein the general purpose of this scheme is outlined.

Since leaving home, the steadfast companion of my travels has been your book on the National Parks and I wish to say how deeply I am indebted to you for the feat of accurate observation therein set forth by the botanist, the mountaineer,



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and the poet. No better equip-  
ment for the delightful task  
before me could be conceived than to  
make mine own the means of learning  
which that volume unfolds, "the glancing  
of a quiet eye", and the wise commen-  
tary which is so eminently your own.  
I wish I could send you the most precious  
offering in the world as a tribute of admira-  
tion and respect. I can only offer a humble  
gift. It chances that I have by me a copy  
of an essay on Milton, written years ago, a  
study of delight to me, and one in which  
abundant opportunity was offered for con-  
sideration of fine issues, such as, when  
reverently approached, though expressed in  
different terms, have a solemnity not dis-  
similar to the spirit of the mountains and  
the forest. It is my hope that this may  
give you an hour's pleasure, and I beg  
you to accept it with messages of affection.

I am

Very sincerely yours

Adam Sampson.

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