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Madison,

April 3, 1903.

John Muir

My friend of auld lang syne.

A word of supplement to my letter
of a day or two ago.

Roosevelt was here two hours
9-11 this morning and I without my knowledge
had been placed on the com. of reception.

When introduced by the gov. - I said "I, Sir,
introduced you when you lectured here ten years
ago - and that not as of N. York nor of Mass. -
nor of Dakota but as of the United States - He said,
"I remember it well" - and I gave place to followers.

But at the final handshake in his car - He
said "I am glad to meet you again" - I answered
"I am it, maybe, the oldest of the thousands who
here greet you - and of late years I have held my
introduction - to have been prophetic - like the
witches' words in Macbeth!

Our wisest words are often unawares.
You will have a better time than with Emerson who
told me how regretfully he was ~~taken~~ away by Boston-
nians from camping with you under ^{the} big trees.

Respectfully James D. Butler.