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Martinez, Cal. June 18/95

My dear Mr Johnson,

I think that all the talk of employing a reputable landscape gardener to lay out & manage the floor of Yosemite was intended to secure the cooperation of the Sierra Club in securing appropriations for the next two years. I never believed that the Jr. Commissioners really meant to turn over a new leaf in the management. California does not truly care for Yosemite for itself. And here lies the difficulty. Left in care of the Century these city dog days you are in a hard & hot place & I devoutly pity you. Do care for yourself - make many short excursions to Sargents Mrs Fields sea-washed ice-fachmond bluffs Hudson Highlands Catskills etc to some game life. I should deliberately choose a Gettysburg or Pittsburgh Landing battle against a smothering New York summer in the Century Editorial Woods. Don't die, Don't suicide. Do care for yourself.

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I have been thinking of the Yosemite

I have another years work to do on the coast of Alaska, at Nakutat Bay, Bristol Bay, & Cook's Inlet.

but I shall not I fear be able to do this the coming summer. I rather think that under the circumstances

I shall go see the improved condition of the Yosemite National Park & explore in detail the Tuolumne Canon

for my coming Yosemite Guide book

then I shall think of you, & your important eyeglasses, & the grand earthquake taluses.

If you should go to Sargents (as you had better) tell them that

the meeting & blending of the sunset purple & Rhododendron purple on their (sandy) & the wide cool flowery verandah & the

Charming company. remain with me & shall remain always. Ever cordially
Yours John Muir

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