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To Henry Fairfield Osborn

Martinez, July 15, 1913

Dear friend Osborn

I had no thought of your leaving your own great work ⁺ and many-
fold duties to go before the House Committee on the everlasting Hetch
Hetchy fight, but only to write to members of Congress you might know,
especially to President Wilson, a Princeton man. This is the 23rd 2/
year of almost continual battle for preservation of Yosemite National
Park, sadly interrupting my natural work. Our enemies now seem to be
having most everything their own wicked way working beneath obscuring
tariff ⁺ and bank clouds, spending millions of the peoples money for
selfish ends. Think of three or four ambitious shifty traders ⁺ and
politicians calling themselves "The City of San Francisco", bargaining
with the United States for half of the Yosemite Park like Yankee horse
traders, as if the grandest of all our mountain play-grounds full of
God's best gifts, the joy ⁺ and admiration of the world, were of no more
account than any of the long list of tinker tariff articles.

Where are you going this summer? Wish I could go with you.
The pleasure of my long lovely Garrison-Hudson Castle Rock days grows
only the clearer and dearer as the years flow by

My love to you, dear friend, and to all who love you

Ever gratefully affectionately

John Muir

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