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March 29th, 1900

My dear Mr Muir:-

When I resigned the editorship of the "Atlantic Monthly" last Summer and left my good friends in Boston to become a publisher on my own account, one of my keenest regrets was that I should not have the pleasure of handling the matter that you are writing for them. This, however, does not prevent me from reading with keen pleasure all that you write, and I have just read the article in the April "Atlantic" and heard the very tones of your voice in some of the sentences.

But you are not to escape the fate of my being your publisher, whatever comes; for we have made a contract with Mr Harriman to bring out the books about the Alaska^s expedition, under the editorship of Dr Merriam. We are already beginning to set in type the descriptive volume for which you are to write a chapter. I now have Mr Burroughs's^s interesting contribution to it. Dr Merriam in his good business fashion is getting very much in earnest about your contribution to this volume. I do not know how much longer we can restrain him from unconsecrated violent language if you do not send the manuscript pretty soon. I therefore take this occasion (and it is a pleasure to have even a wicked occasion to write to you) to send my very kindest regards and to say that I am doing my best to keep Dr Merriam quiet. But you had better send a "copy," for I cannot answer for all the consequences, if you do not.

Yours very truly,

Walter H. Page

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