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Martinez, Cal.

Nov. 24, 1902.

Dear Mr. Biedenbach:

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Rest assured I shall be with you December 1st if I can possibly find a way through the confounded tangle of obligations that holds me here. I see no opening however as yet, or anything that promises one, therefore, much as it distresses me to seem wanting in appreciation of the kindness and honor of your invitation, I must warn you not to count on me.

After escaping the common dangers of the wilderness, these kind invitations and honors of civilization are like to be the death of me, for from some strange mysterious cause they come flying about me thick as snowflakes and give no end of sore trouble in trying to explain a poor wanderer's ^{own} inability to accept them.

Faithfully Yours

John Muir