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Martinez Apr 21/08

Dear Mr Colby,

The Phelan forces seem according to Call dispatches to be actually making some headway. I have written to the President, but it might be well to telegraph to Garfield ^{on the part of my club} requesting time to show after competent & disinterested examination that the claim made by the proponents of the Phelan scheme that H.H. Kelly is the only pure & adequate source of supply for the city that is now available is utterly preposterous & without any foundation in fact. ^{of any sort,} And therefore, ^{that} no promise of H. H. Kelly for a reservoir site now or in the future should be made to the city. Lake Eleanor & Cherry Creek sites on the northern part tributaries of the Tuolumne basin are purer than the H.H. drainage & amply sufficient for a hundred yrs etc.

Faithfully Yours John Muir