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Washington D.C.
April 21/1908

My dear Mr Muir

It was a pleasure indeed to get your recent letter but I was more than grieved to know you had been ill - There is but one John Muir ^{and} every one hopes we may know him in health and happiness for many, many years to come.

The delay in not writing before - was because I hoped from time to time to have something to tell you of our dear Hetch Hetchy - Mr Needham has been working hard to save the valley but he informed me today that he feared San Francisco would win.

I do not know how to prevent it - I wish I did - all I can do is to suffer as so many lovers of the valley must suffer in having a mill pond made where now lies one of the most beautiful garden valleys in the world -

Some how, I could not think your pleading would fail - the pleading of so many people - but San Francisco would not give up - I do hope however, that the Secretary will so restrict the privilege that the scheme will have to be abandoned -
Mrs Marshall and the darling babies of the

talk of the delights we had when you were
kind enough to visit us in Sacramento -
The babies often get the books you sent them
and ask "Megg" to read what Mr Muir says -

Please remember Mr Muir - that when ever
you come near our home that then our home
is yours and you must come to us - Even in
Washington - where there are good hotels and ^{the} President
you are still ours

This warmest friendship - more love
I think, than friendship - to John Muir and his girl
is always in our hearts - and we want to see you
just as soon as you can come -

Sincerely

P. B. Marshall

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