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San Francisco, May 5th, 1908.

Mr. John Muir, Martinez, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Muir:-

I am enclosing you telegram just received from Mr. McFarland, President of the American Civic Association. He is one of our strongest fighters in the East, and I trust that you will comply with his request, as he will make good use of it. The Governors of the country meet in conference to discuss the Conservation of natural resources. Mr. McFarland is there at the special invitation of the President, and will deliver an address on the importance of natural scenery as a natural resource. A brief letter from you giving your views on the importance of this question, in a few sentences, bringing in the Hetch-Hetchy Valley, as he suggests, will help us tremendously in our fight. I hope you will attend to this right away, as the Convention meets May 13th, and there^{is} just time for a letter to reach him.

Address him, J. Horace McFarland,

President American Civic Assn.,

Harrisburg, Pa.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. E. Colby

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