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Martinez, June 2, 1908

Dear Mr Johnson:

The governors conference was a most novel & notable affair & you may well be proud of it as your own invention whether you get credit for it or not - from the public. Nevertheless Pinchot deliberate acceptance of the honor belonging to it without a word for you was distressingly mean & must prove a great trial to his many friends. Anyhow never mind, don't take the sin against friendship & comradeship too sorely to heart. Compensation of some sort or other is sure to come, & we must go ahead fighting for God's righteousness forgetting all that is behind. P. is ambitious & never hesitates to sacrifice anything or anybody in his way. For the miserable thing out of mind

I go about your many
other good things. Of all
my friends none has done
so much as you have
for the public good in
the way of forest preservation
& the great parks.

As for Hetch Hetchy the battle
as I see it, is not yet
lost. The preservation of
natural beauty resources
seem to be lost sight of
at times, but light must
come at last. & we must
arouse public opinion
ere it is too late.

I'm feeling better my long illness & anxiety about Helen
+ I am now trying to write. Your name will honor my Yosemite book & last long after above squabbles are forgotten. Ever my dear Johnson