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## Letter from Walter H. Page to John Muir, 1908 Aug 3.

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August 3, 1908.

Dear Mr. Muir:

I am afraid that you will think whenever your mail overtakes you wherever you are that I am bombarding you rather vigorously with letters. Maybe I am, but they are not hostile projectiles, be assured of that. It is the friendliest bombardment that ever a man got.

I wrote to Mr. French Strother at Fresno, telling him that I had written you expressing the hope that you might send for him to come and see you. He is a very skillful young man in the practical side of the literary craft, for we trained him in our office. If I ever write a book he is the young man I should have next to me to see that the papers are arranged right and to keep me up to the job and to any kind of task that could be delegated to another. I hope you will feel, therefore, that there is possibly some practical help in the suggestion and let him come and see you.

I hope you will pardon me for writing so many letters to you, but I beg that you will agree with me in this idea, if nothing more. You have written on the great aspects of nature in that wonderful land that you have made your own. The mountains and the trees and the glaciers are yours. Your interpretation of them you owe in the first place to them. In the next place you owe <sup>it to</sup> the whole reading world. It is a great service that you will do. You have been putting it off so long, always for good reasons I know, that you ought to make the start now, if possible, and I think you will be surprised how easy it will be. I fear I run some risk of wearying you; but, if I can in any way influence you to get this great book ready, I am willing to incur the blame, even if I annoy you somewhat, provided the annoyance do not shape itself into a possible conviction that I am a bore. What I am trying to do is to induce you to do a great task for generations to come.

Believe me,  
John Muir, Esq.,  
Martinez, California.

Most heartily yours, *Walter H. Page*

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I have been reading or rereading all summer now the letters of Cal & Co  
Times as Doubtless you well know the account of your kind &  
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