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Martinez, July 21, 1894

My dear Johnson;

Your care over my little book shows immeasurable kindness. The peculiar interest of travelers in Yosemite, almost the only part of the Sierra that they see seemed to call for a separate book that would serve as a guide, & I have commenced to make it,--a small handy volume describing all the main Yosemite. In the first Chapter you will find a general description of them which I thought amid so much description was enough--

As to the title of the book, if it is too big & pretentious it may be changed to sketches or excursions, or travels in the Sierras as you & Scott may decide. Anyhow I think the book contains as much as most people will care to read, though as far as I am concerned I would gladly make it ten times larger.

I have not been able too get the Sierra Club to take action as yet on the recession of Yosemite. Most of the directors are now in the Country & we can't get a meeting. W. Olney is a friend of J. P. Irish & is evidently unwilling to do anything to offend him. Irish however is no longer a Yo Commissioner.

Everybody here is talking strike, wages, & capital corporations etc. Have you seen Capitain Parkers report on the Sequoia parks? It is good. Not since the cherubim with flaming swords guarded the tree of life has more honorable work been done.

With kindest regards

Ever yours John Muir