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November 1, 1893.

R. U. Johnson, Esq.,
New York City.

My Dear Sir:-

I regret that

Yours of yesterday has been received. ^ I failed to see you and Mr. Muier when you were here, but I am glad to know that you are so deeply interested in protecting and preserving our forests, for I know that you and the friends you suggest can be of great help in the effort we have commenced. I would be glad to have in writing any suggestions Professor Sargent may think proper to make upon the importance of preserving our timber, and the dangers of a timber famine. The pending bill has been reported to the House and is not now before the Committee, but I am sure the Committee would be glad to hear him generally upon this important question at any time it will suit him to be present. I think it important to press this bill to a passage as soon as possible, and thus secure a good foundation upon which we may hereafter engraft some comprehensive plan for the instruction of our people in forestry. The little discussion that was had in the House on the 10th. and 12th. ultimo,

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cannot be of much value in measuring the importance of the bill, as we were limited to only one hour on each of those days. I did not expect the opposition that was provoked, and really thought there would be no serious objection to it. It is not likely that the bill will be called up again until the regular session.

Very respectfully yours,

Th. C. McRae