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My Dear Mr Muir

It has been so long since I have had a word from you, I have refrained as long as possible, from disturbing you, for I know how busy you are, and how anxious the world of nature lovers are to here more from you, how we long, for more about the Glaciers and to read of your trip around the world, we know it will be full of trees and mountains, while others forever talk about people, we are so hungry, we need several 14 in trout as it were,

As I do not permit The Hurst publications to come into my house, I have only just learned of their infamous attack on you, well a long

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Time ago. there was a man so much better than others, and the others proceeded to do him up, but how kindly we all remember him. I am rejoicing over the good rains. the first good winter since I began to plant seeds and trees on the mountains. I am rushing the work, and hope by April 1st to have 40000, 2 year old trees and 30000 1 year old trees planted on the mountain slopes, and to transplant 20000 1 year old trees from seed beds to the open ground in beds, for next winter's use. I will try again with seeds in a small way. Don't you think it is your duty to come down here in April, and see my work, as it was from you I was inspired to take up this work.

My Precious wife is very sick, two long years, she can never leave her bed again. I hope you and yours are all well, with kindest regards to all I am
Very Sincerely Yours
J. P. Lukens

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