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May 21, 1902.

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, Cal.

My dear Mr. Muir:-

Things are booming as regards the outing and I hope that you will stand by me, as I need all the assistance possible. We are going to have a much finer crowd of people, even, than last year and they all ask, the first thing, if you are going to be with us, and every now and then I hear alarming reports from some one who has heard that you have decided not to visit the Canon.

I meant to have written you before this and to have stated that if it is your pleasure that your daughters should accompany our party that their deposits will be offset by what the Club owes you from last year, the balance I believe being \$50.00. Of course, if you make up your own party then I will see that the \$50.00 is refunded you some time soon, but I hope that this is not the case and that you will not take the trouble and time to make up a separate camp outfit and party, for you can just as well come in with us, and we will make everything as comfortable as possible for you and the girls. You must remember that you come as a guest of the committee and your daughters' deposits are already settled.

Have you heard anything recently from Dr. Merriam and do you know of his movements? Could you not write him a letter and

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stir him up a little and find out just what he is going to do?

Kindly let me hear from you so that I may be reassured about your going.

With best regards for yourself and Mrs. Muir and the girls, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm Colby*

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