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Holmwood,

Jan. 17, 1910. Teddington,

Middlesex,

Sir,

In reply to yours just received.

England—

I am entirely with you in desiring that beautiful nature spots should be reserved, and made unassailable to greed for mammon. But as I am a foreigner in regard to this matter (although much to my pleasure an Honorary Member of your Club) I think that anything I might say would be indiscreet.

Mr. Bryce, the present British Ambassador at Washington is a man, who could and I think would do more for you than I can. He possesses distinguished ability, and has held his difficult position to all-round satisfaction for a long time. I know that he feels in this matter like ourselves, and I think, if

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it should be brought before him, that he would do all that his position would permit.

If this letter seems cold, pray excuse me. I am entirely with you in desiring Beauty spots to be reserved for the future. Upon the other side of the border (in Canada) this matter has been taken in hand seriously, and you will find upon enquiry that immense spaces have been reserved for the Public enjoyment for ever and ever.

Personally, I rejoice to know it. At present it is comparatively easy to make these reservations, but 20 years hence it may be impossible to do so.

very truly yours,

Edward Whymper.

J. Muir Esq.