

Apr. 4, 1918.

Mr. R. S. Wellman,

Hornitos, Mariposa Co., Calif.

My dear Sir:

At the suggestion of our mutual friend, Mr. Jay C. Bruce, I am writing you for information which you have in regard to the last grizzly bear which was shot in <sup>M</sup>ariposa County. If I am informed correctly you are the lucky man, *to have shot it,* yourself. Please, if agreeable, let me know the exact date and place of capture and all the circumstances you can remember; also <sup>any</sup> facts about grizzlies in earlier days. What became of the skull and skin of this bear? Do you know of any other skulls or even parts of skulls, or bones, which might still be obtainable?

Very truly yours,

*J. Grinnell*  
Director of the Museum