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My dear March,-

Your invitation to read papers before the Academy has rankled in my breast. I hope and Rood think it would be a good thing for the Survey, as well as for myself, to read objects of a portion of my forthcoming volume on the Cornish, the editor of which will be printing at the time of the meeting. Considering Powell’s policy as to the advance publication of our marine and the authority vested in the chief of divisions to publish at discretion, I cannot see that h-
that he could take it ill. I have also written Gilbert for his opinion. What do you think in your capacity, as Apostolic in Chief?

If I read papers, must I submit them in full in advance; or will cut lines of them answer? I should prefer not to write out all the remarks I should wish to make, but to copy them over. When must the papers be submitted?

Barnes, the physicist in Chief of the experiments for King's investigation, wishes to establish his laboratory in New Haven and I propose giving him a card to you. I am anxious that the quarter he may secure should not be mean, but also that they should not be luxurious enough to cause unfavorable comment. He needs a small house with a plot of ground large enough to allow of the erection of a little building in which experiments involving dumps of fire and explosions can be conducted. Perhaps you already know that he is to investigate the physical properties of rocks and minerals at high temperatures and pressures. — Barnes is a capital investigator, but not a man of the world, and a little advice on your part may be of great advantage to him.
and the survey as well as to him.

Yours very truly,

G. F. Becker.