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Army Department
Washington, December 3, 1883

Gentlemen,

The receipt of your letter of November 26th I have the honor to acknowledge. The action of Prof. Holden & the Academy Committee is in every way satisfactory to myself, and I am glad to be able to assist from a discussion which ought never to have arisen.

With thanks personally for your attention to the subject, I remain

Very respectfully,

(Signature) W. E. Chancellor

Secretary of the Army.
Navy Department.
Washington, January 17th, 1884.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing resolutions adopted by the National Academy of Sciences at its meeting in New Haven in November last.

It was a source of gratification to the Department to be able to facilitate the observation of the Eclipse by the National Academy of Sciences; and I have to acknowledge with additional pleasure the appreciation shown by the Academy of the Department.
efforts in that behalf.

The resolution of thanks to Captain Carpenter and the officers of the "Hartford" will be duly communicated to them with the commendation of the Department for their zeal and faithfulness in the work of the expedition.

Very respectfully,

W. E. Chandler
Secretary of the Navy.

Professor O. C. Marsh,
President National Academy of Sciences, Yale College,
New Haven, Conn.