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Dear Professor March,

If you have no objection to letting me, I should be very glad to know if reflection on the matter inclines you to favor the candidacy of Commander Chute for superintendence of the Coast Survey. He is now on the Pacific Coast as a member of a commission for selecting a site for a navy yard, and his friends...
being quite of the opinion that the place should suit the man, do not propose to offer his name to the president unless they learn that he would be likely to be favored by the president's official advisers. Should you not feel inclined to state your views, I beg you will not hesitate to say so and will pardon the liberty I have taken in making the request.

Very sincerely yours,

F. M. Green

Prof. O. C. Marsh.

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