War Department
Washington City.
October 30th, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 28th, asking in reference to the "Act making appropriations for Indian Civil Expenses &c. (H.R. 5730) 115th Congress 2d Session, relative to the consideration by the National Academy of Sciences, of "All surveys of a Scientific Character under the War & Interior Departments, and under the Land office," and informing this Department...
that a Committee of the Academy has been appointed it is now ready to consider the subject, and requesting that a Communication may be addressed to you by this Department conveying any information in regard to its plans and wishes in reference to such surveys.

In reply thereto I enclose herewith a report of the Chief of Engineers upon the subject. The enclosure mentioned therein have been boxed and
shipped to you by to-day's
Express as per address of this
letter.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

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