



Columbian College
Feb. 10th 83

Prof. A.C. Marsh:

My dear Sir:

I hope our mutual friend, Prof. Barker has informed you of the interest I have taken in the plan to put Prof. Brewcomb in charge of the new observatory. We find that the petitions which have been sent in by different Colleges have very little weight. We think that individual appeals to members of the Senate, & especially those who are on the Naval com-mittee will have more influence than all the memorials we could get.

~~HOWARD GORE
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
ASTRONOMER~~

I enclose a list of the members
of said Comit & hope you may
be fit to write to those with whom
you are personally acquainted
& also request your President
& colleagues to do likewise.

What is needed above all else
is the presence of some one to give
the measure personal attention.
With the exception of myself. all
of the friends of Prof. N. are so
intimately connected with the Govt.
that they are either afraid to assist
or are too much absorbed by their
own schemes to give us much
assistance. If you could devote
a few days to the enterprise I'm
sure success would be certain.

Please answer at once.

Very Respectfully

J. Howard Gore
(Prof. math.)

Members Naval Committee

Senate.

Senators Cameron
Rallies
Miller (Cal)
Mahone
Mc Pherson
Jones
Vance
Farley

House of Rep.

Messrs Harris (Mass)
Robeson
Hamner
Watson
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Degendorf
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Harris (N.J.).

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Georgetown College
Feb. 17th 83

Prof. O. C. Marsh:

Dear Sir:

Last week I took the liberty of writing to you to let you know the status of the Aberration measure. Before we introduced the Bill that contained the sentiment of the numerous petitions that have been received, a certain person not in harmony with the spirit of these memorials had introduced the enclosed Bill both in the Senate & House. The friends of Professor Newcomb have therefore deemed it best to prevent legislation upon the matter this year, especially as the appropriation for the New Obs'y is in abeyance & doubtful as to its ultimate success.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Gove.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Mr. RAY introduced the following bill:

A BILL

To promote the efficiency of the Naval Observatory.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 *That from and after the passage of this act no one but an ex-*
4 *perienced practical astronomer of well-established reputation*
5 *shall be made Superintendent of the Naval Observatory.*

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