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Navigation Office,

NAVY YARD, NEW YORK,

March 12 1889

Dear Professor March,

If you have no objection to telling me, I should be very glad to know if reflection on the matter inclines you to favor the candidacy of Commander Chester 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 seek the man, do not
propose to offer his name to the Pres-
ident 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
T. M. Green

Prof. O. C. Marsh.

Pres. Nat. Academy of Sciences