

War Department

Washington City.

October 30th 1848.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 28th last in reference to the "Act making appropriations for Sundry Civil Expenses &c. (H.R. 5730) 115th Congress 2^d Session, relative to the consideration by the National Academy of Sciences, of "All surveys of a Scientific Character under the War & Interior Department, and under the Land office", and informing this Department

that a Committee of the Academy has been appointed, & 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 enclosures mentioned therein have been boxed and

shipped to you by to-days
Express as per address of this
letter,

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

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