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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,

Washington,

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1852.

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Prof. O. S. Marsh,

Acting President Natl. Academy of Sciences,

Yale College, New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant transmitting a report of a committee of the Academy, consisting of Professors Ira Remsen, George F. Parker, and L. F. Chandler, which report was made in response to the Commissioner's letter

of

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of April 12<sup>th</sup> 1882. Requesting an investigation of the question whether methyl, or wood spirits may be entirely, or approximately separated from ethyl alcohol, or spirits of wine.

Please convey to the individual members of the committee the thanks of this Office for the care, and labor, which they have bestowed on the subject.

Respectfully,

W. C. Rogers  
Acting Commissioner.