Washington march 12th 1847

Dear Sir

yours of the 26th January has been received in due time and would have answered you before but not having any business Transactions with Lieut Patterson I could not send a draught on him for the money as you requested but applied to Mr Flein to do it for me he has been waiting for some time to hear from him as soon as he does so he will answer him and request him to pay you the money due I have paid him ~~the~~ for the purpose and the money is now in his hands so that you must not blame me for your not having received it before I am glad to hear that you are passing a pleasant Winter as I Expected you would Houston has gone down South also and no doubt you have seen him before this Mr Walker has been made a first Lieut. in the Army and Evacuated the Office and no doubt will be soon in Mexico Messrs Smith and Dunglison I understand have also gone to work in your Section and you will not be surprised to find others of the Survey in the Gulf in a short time nothing New in the office worth relating all hands being well at present

Truly yours

Mr. F. Emory W. S Coast Survey

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