

Hyde Park buckles, G.

March 9th 1853.



SIR

Sir, I believe I have to thank you for a Report of an examination of New Mexico accompanied by a Map, by Lieutenant Abert, printed by you, and which circumstances have prevented me from perusing until now.

It is due to Lieutenant Abert to say that in my opinion this Report is not more commendable to his qualities as a Soldier, his hardihood in enduring privations and his perseverance in overcoming all obstacles than to his acquirements as a Scholar, and talents as a writer. Indeed all the Reconnoissances which I have seen emanating from your Bureau have been such as do great honour not only to the officers but to the Country, nor do I believe that any Service can produce their Superiors in all the high qualifications of a Soldier, Servant & Gentleman. I have given this testimony, not because I believe it of ^{any} great value, but to gratify my own feelings in doing justice to merits.

The style in which this Report is blended looks the better both as to Paper and printing, &

a disgrace to the country, and to the Congress that
permitted such attention to be laid upon them. I do
not believe there has ever been seen anything like them
since the days of "The Devil and Doctor Faustus", &
cannot help sympathizing with Secret Clerk, and
his brother officers when they saw their excellent pro-
ductions thus misused in any possible way by misplac-
ing guards, dimensions of some, and mistakes in
almost every scientific name geological, Botanical,
and Zoological. Being something of an author myself,
I am sympathetic with him on this occasion.

I repeat my thanks for your kindness,
and beg to request a copy of any future
productions of this kind they may emanate
from your Bureau. I take great interest in them.

I am very respectfully,

Sir your friend & obliged servant

M. P. Parrott

Col. J. I. Abert

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Washington