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BALTIMORE, *Sept.* 1, 1851.

SIR:

I transmit herewith my final Report of the Expedition to the Dead Sea and the River Jordan, and request you to submit it to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, and obtain his consent to have it published by the Observatory under your superintendence.

The Report embraces a maritime survey, and therefore comes peculiarly within the province of the National Observatory.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

W. F. JYNCH, *U. S. Navy.*

To Lieut. M. F. MAURY, U. S. N.,

*Superintendent of the National Observatory, Washington, D. C.*

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NATIONAL OBSERVATORY, Washington, *5th Sept.*, 1851.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the final Report of Commander Wm. F. Lynch, concerning the Expedition to the Dead Sea.

This Report has been referred to this office. It contains much useful and interesting information, and I therefore recommend its publication.

Respectfully, &c.

M. F. MAURY.

HON. WM. A. GRAHAM, *Secretary of the Navy.*





THE following Report was printed, in part, by order of the United States Senate, in 1849, but the GEOLOGICAL portion was not finished until September, 1851. With the consent of the HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY the whole has been submitted to, and published under the auspices of the NATIONAL OBSERVATORY.

THE ORNITHOLOGICAL Report is unaccompanied with plates, as from the intense heat, and other causes, but few birds were preserved and brought to the United States.

THE BOTANICAL Report is also without plates, as the plants, although sufficiently well preserved for classification, were many of them too much mutilated to be *truly* represented by drawings.



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