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Dear Emery

No doubt you have been infor[illegible] before this by Prof.r Bache that you are to accompany me to Texas this winter, a change made in your destinies without my solicitation, yet quite agreable to me as I hope it will be to you. George Dandson & Wm Humphreys are to accompany me, also Capt.n Lis's man Lavalle. I am to have the new schooner George M. Bache (Captain Huzzy of Alexandria) she sails for Mobile about this time. On her arrival I wish you to get from Mr. Gerdes or Hil=gard the (Atlas) Iron=frame theodolite and put it away securely aboard of the Geo M. Bache, where it will be kept dry and not tumble about: Also by authority of Prof.r Bache the two best tents used by Mr. Hilgard. I should like also some bedding, and other conveniences, such as cots, tables &c if they can be spared. You can then go to Galveston on the schooner at such time as Captain Huzzy may think the weather suitable.

Mr. Dandson is to make three trips from Galveston to either Pascagoula or Fort Morgan with chronometers to determine diff. of longitude. he therefore must have an observing house to set up a transit instrument in: And of steamers