

Washington 5. Nov. 1836

Dear Sir,

Raphael Hoyle is recommended as a landscape painter for the exploring Expedition - His recommendations are highly satisfactory - It w<sup>d</sup>. add very much to the importance of his services if he is an accurate draughtsman of botanical subjects - such a one we must have - You know Mr. Hoyle & can inform me whether he is skilful in drawing plants - (confidentially or otherwise as you may think fit) -

It will be impossible to have an artist for each kind of drawg. we may want -

As Capt. Jones requires more than 600 Seamen Landsmen & boys for the expedition - and as we have not yet recruited more than 150. it will be two or three months before the crews can be procured -

It is my intention to have 6 or 8 of the gentlemen who are to be members of the scientific corps on the Exploring expedition, at this place for a few days, as a board of arrangement & distribution of duties of the Corps -

I am with great respect  
Yours Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup> M. Dickerson

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New York.





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