



Bears Bay March 15th 1863
 Col^l Morgan

Dear Sir

As I deem
 it due to ^{you} as well as myself, to give
 you an explanation why I returned
 your net so suddenly after taking
 it. I shall herewith inform you.
 Just as I reached our Boat, I
 found a steamer there with
 to me, to have the two Decked
 Boat, towed to Captⁿ Lubbock,
 the shells thrown out load them
 with wood & have them towed
 to Galveston as soon as possible,
 in consequence of such order,
 the net would have been
 useless to me, and the above
 was my reason for returning
over

J. G. Bennett
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