

5.9 inch ^{with} Tully at D. Lee's (forming the property of Admiral Smyth), which in the Dorset Catalogue was made - & has besides a Cooke of his own. I have no doubt he can give you good opinion. But, NB - from all I can make out, I believe my 5.5 inch Clark ~~is~~ is a superior glass, considerably, notwithstanding its smaller aperture, to D. Lee's celebrated telescope. At least it readily & fully elongates γ^2 Andromedae, which Smyth speaks of as a work of great difficulty. -

3. As to Dawes & Clark & Cooke - I must tell you all about this - I heard that Dawes was so delighted with the obvious elongation of γ^2 Androm: in a 4 1/8 inch sent him for trial (which I fancy is Cooke's special size) that he determined on ordering an inch forthwith from him - but per contra, I must tell you what he told me himself - that he was anxious to try one more kind of mounting - having tried almost all before - & he had no doubt Cooke's? made a good glass - but still Clark's was "so near perfection" that he did it with trembling, & feared he might repeat it. - as to ~~the~~ Cooke's prices. I had this ^{same} price list many years ago, & find it unaltered - but some one had told me that he had reduced his charges - which seems unfounded - possibly he allows discount. - I have Strickland's prices,