

ciplinarian who rather regards his attendance to these things, he might become one of the first officians of the day.

I forget whether I told you that, just before Mr. Nesmyth's lecture, Mr. Birk & myself had, at Leyton, the most convincing proof of his mistake in maintaining that the eruptive action of the Moon had ceased. [By the way, how queer to assert as he did a position so utterly incapable of proof, as that the Moon had been quiescent for ages! It reminds me somehow of the old classical joke of Hierocles, about a silly fellow who having heard that a raven lives 200 years, kept one on purpose to see if it was true!] We found a beautiful minute crater on the floor of "Mariner", where B. & M.'s Map shows nothing, tho' their description