

bring a colourable explanation - so, if it would not give you a great deal of trouble, I want to ask the special favour of you to go to his address, & ascertain what he has been doing - please not to let him see that you know me, but merely say you come to enquire about his telescopes, & that you understand he has ~~advised them as tested by T. W. W. & has had a good sale.~~ advertised them as tested by T. W. W. & has had a good sale. Then you will see. If he is an honest man, he will tell you what he has told me. ^{or} If he has any still in stock, perhaps the most direct way w^d be to ask to see them, & whether they in particular have been tested by me. If he has none remaining you could ask what character & had given of those he has already sold - I merely suggest these enquiries ~~as means~~ to save you trouble in thinking of some way of getting at the truth without any species of subtlety - which you would scorn to employ quite as much as I should to suggest it. But if anything preferable suggests itself please think nothing of my idea. Then, if you can grant me this favour, I shall know how to deal with him when I come to town. And I have the comfort of knowing that the matter could not be in better hands than your own. - I am writing to him to stop the advertisements.

Handwick Vicarage. Stuy. 14 Oct. 1872.

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My dearest Arthur,

This comes in the first place to welcome you home - where we trust you have by this time arrived in safety & comfort, and are getting into harness again, which I dare say will go rather stiffly at first - Ah but I know mine usually does so on similar occasions. And next I am to tell you that on purpose, D.V. reaching London on the evening of Monday 21st instant; Mrs. Wyatt having very kindly given us accommodation at 77 G.R.S^t we shall be so glad to see you if you will come to spend the evening with us - and there will be no one there but ourselves (not even Mr. Wyatt, who I am sorry to say is out of town) and we can have a nice long uninterrupted chat about all manner of things, German & English and arrange for your coming here - and all the rest of it, "be the same more or less" - And I