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My dear Mr. Atter

Will you forgive my writing in this scandalous actionable form? on the back of an old Vitorius's agreement? The fact is, all our paper letter papers is exhausted that not our envelopes - and an unexpected detention of a few hours giving me convenient time to write - but not to go out after paper, I was tempted to take the liberty of such a filthy scribble! Especially as I want to tell you without further delay that we hope to be in London, D.V. next Wednesday week - to remain Thursday & Friday - when, that our time will be crammed very full, I do hope & trust to see something of you - & the more so for - selfish reason - a young man's letter has been forwarded to me abroad requesting information as to the study of astronomy, mathematics - which books to read &c. - as to which I am as ignorant as a young bear, but you know everything - & I shall be especially obliged by your advice or way reply. -

We have done I am thankful to say a great deal & done it well & I think you will all like the result - & I have been greatly relieved by the absence of friends to them. I have seen & heard nothing of Mr. Westwood - except what you have probably seen in your last & previous - the Dr. takes to Dr. of Galileo & the other things mentioned in the former Galileo - and his fresh inquiries in other cases. We have at last seen Halley's Comet, the Ringed & Chased for the month past splendid weather. We trust you by your good penmanship have been quite well & writes as he has been & please believe me with kindest regards to the Italian Vitorius you regardant. adieu  
F. W. Webb