

Hardwick Vic. Hay, 8 July 1873.

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My dear Mr. Arthur

I do not know how it came to pass that we should have met so unexpectedly at ~~the Station~~ ^{Mr. Wyzall's door} (I was thinking when I wrote, of sending to Hay "Station") & then have missed one another - but I felt very sorry about it - for I much wished to see you - & it seemed strange to come away after such a shabby pretence of an interview in the street! - You no doubt were hindered from coming that evening as you said - and as you mentioned the probability of your leaving town next day if I understood aright, I did not go to hunt you up in Hunter St. - nor indeed had I well time, - being, as usual, pretty well hunted myself. But now I have come back - as I expected - to a precious heap of ^{work} ~~business~~ - & instead of a pleasant chat about a pleasant tour (including Galileo's forefinger!) I must go straight into business - as usual being about to give my dear old friend a lot of trouble!

1. About Lord Lindsay. I find here a printed notice sent by Dr. Ferby, - I cannot lay my hand upon it at this moment ^{amidst} ~~amongst~~ the unbragous multitude of leaves" (of paper!) - but the meaning was - that he was about to report on the contents of the Astrag. Fragm. which had been entrusted to his hands - to the Belgian Academie des Sciences - nothing is said as to purchase, or their parts - but it seems to look that way. - I shall be writing to Dr. F. and shall no