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Froy House, Monmouth, 24 Nov. 1873.

My dear Mr Arthur,

I have run away - for the "best part" of the week - to see my dear friends here - where we have not been for a good while - & having escaped a pretty strong pressure at Hardwick, I will set to work (though work it cannot be called!) to reply to your last kind letter. You have I hope received Dr. Ferby's Memoirs on the Arago Fragments which he sent me, & I forwarded to you, a few days ago. It is, as you will have observed, a present to the R. A. S. As far as I can judge from a hasty perusal, it is very nicely done - on p. 11. you will observe a slight error such as a foreigner would be very likely to fall into - of supposing the term "horn-glass sea" to refer to its special suitability for marking the rotation. -

My lectures stand over, & I am thankful to say, to the early part of Feb: so I am in no hurry for what you have kindly promised me. Thank you for pointing out materials about the "black drop" - but I shall have no occasion to go far into that. Besides, I have ~~Dunn's~~ original papers & drawings in Phil. Trans. - I did not see any correspondence about the Edinburgh Article - the historical part of which seemed to me very nicely done. - Nor have I seen Proctor's papers on Dr. Wilson's article which you refer to - but I think I have all the materials that I need for the kind of