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My dearest Arthur,

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The enclosed "non dimandata" - which no doubt reached Firenze too late, was sent back to me a little while ago - & it will reach its destination at last!

You are! expect so "high busy" that it is an unkindness to intrude upon your thoughts or time but as the gentleman who wanted enquiring made about a curious old book which I wrote about to you, asked me about it a few days back, I suppose the passion begins to feel hungry for information.

I see Schönfeldt has complimented my pretty little friend S Orionis by giving her a statue in his Catalogue. I have never had a chance of looking after ^{him} this season (one I had, but a person came & wanted so bad to see the Moon that I lost it). And the skies are most pertinaciously adverse. —

Witt has been surprising himself & everybody else by the perfection of a 15 in. mirror wrought to 6 on 7 1/2" focus! It bears 500 like a first rate achromatic. He has so much, in doing it, improved his processes that