

answered by a receipt to the Ex<sup>ors</sup> from both the  
Ecc<sup>l</sup>: Com<sup>rs</sup> & the Bounty Board - who could then  
have subsequently arranged who should hold it, between  
themselves. It was wrong, especially, to pay it into  
Chancery without any previous notice to any of the  
parties concerned; and he is decidedly of opinion that  
the expenses, which are considerable, (£23.16.6 al-  
ready, and probably as much again on getting it out,)  
would be recoverable from Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Sladen & Mackenzie  
the Sol<sup>rs</sup>. In fact the Estate ought to pay the  
£3000 clear.

And no doubt such was the intention of the Testatrix.

Now I hope I have no personal cantankerous feeling  
on the subject. The annual loss is trifling, and I thank  
God I should not be sensible of it as an inconvenience.  
But I am a kind of trustee for the property of the  
Church, and for my successors - and therefore if the money  
so wasted would be recoverable, I believe it would be my  
duty, in that capacity - to take steps in the affair.

The question therefore is obviously - first, can any-  
thing be done? by next, what can be done, if anything?

I should tell you that Mr. Astor did not give that  
opinion without having first carefully examined the  
will.

I succeeded in getting at Short's original Obs. in  
Phil. Trans. 1740, at R. S. Library - & think to  
print it entire in "Nature". It is curious enough.  
No doubt you will think it insufficient to establish  
a Satellite - but sufficient, it seems to me, <sup>to prove</sup> that he  
saw something not in the Telescope. As to D. Schorn  
(author of Don Venusmond) we will send him to the  
terrestrial Moon to find his wits.

You understand that I have no connection with Dock  
you beyond reviewing what is occasionally sent me  
from the Nature Office. I am glad that Prout's  
writing to me to know where he could find my paper on  
♂ (a point by the way which I entirely forgot to tell  
you) enabled me to contradict the impression that you  
mentioned to me, that that paper was intended to be  
exhaustive. Had it been so, "write me down an Aps";  
in the absence of the requisite works of reference. It  
was nothing more than an expanded review of Kaiser  
Mynifer's kind love - sorry not to have seen you. Have you  
tried Kissingen water for Hay fever? some one told me