

Apropos of Counsel's opinion - Thank you very much for your kind information - I will in due time talk to my friend Mr. Trumper upon the subject.

I have at last done what I ought to have done long ago - (I should have done, but that owing to my style of mourning, it caused me some trouble) adopted Mr. Kirk's kind advice, & stopped off a trifle of the margin of my speculum, which he (as well as Delakue) says is near so well figured as the rest. I can hardly at present say for myself, whether the change may have been in the atmosphere or in the speculum - but with-who knows perfectly well - has not the slightest doubt about it - but anyhow certain it is, that my reflector had "per saltum" reached a marvellous pitch of excellence - & I am alike surprised & charmed with the definition - very good indeed before - but now - "something rich & strange" Jupiter's satellites, par-exemple, perfectly cleaned up from all false light & flare. I have had scarcely any opportunity of overhauling the critical stellar tests.

You will be glad to hear that Good Mr. Berron is coming to see us tomorrow, & to stay I hope & presume till Saturday. I have brought here that unlucky string about which I gave you so much trouble & all for nothing thro' my stupidity - & with it the pulley round which it ought to have been spliced.

My wife unites with me in kindest love, & best thanks, & the sincere hope that your good Mother is quite restored, and believe me, my dearest Arthur,
your truly affectionate & obliged friend,
See P.S. at the beginning.
J. W. Webb.

P.S. I had nearly forgotten to tell you how very much I was pleased & surprised with the enclosed letter - you really are quite unwearied in doing, and your most kind letter ought to have had an earlier reply - but it reached this place after I had left it for my duty at Hardwick - whence I returned yesterday evening.

I do not see how we can possibly do better than act at once upon the most kind and valuable advice of Good Dr. Boardman - of whose name I certainly seem to have heard - and to whom I by you will express my very grateful and sincere acknowledgments - though I am perfectly sensible that the favour conferred upon me has been solely for your sake. I see no occasion, under the circumstances, for waiting for any further information from my correspondent in America, as he certainly could not give a better opinion, and in all probability not so good an one. And I will write to him very speedily, to prevent his taking any trouble in the matter. - Please reflect, in the process of the negotiation, that as I never should have had the idea of turning those articles into money, but for yourself, I shall feel perfectly satisfied with anything you think well to accept, were should it be much less than what you have mentioned - as for my wife she would have been

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Great thanks for it.