

Observed the yellowish colour of the whole phenomenon. I have been watching it, when the very cloudy weather has permitted, with a small but excellent telescope of $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches aperture: but it has not light enough to show many of its details. I have received from America a very fine $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch Achromatic Object Glass - I forget whether I mentioned to you my expectation of it: the maker speaks of it in very high terms, and I should have been very glad to have got it into work before this time - but the people whom I employed in Birmingham who were to make the tubes for it - 7 feet long - did it so badly that I had to send it back, and have not yet received it again - however if it does not come soon, and as should be a little clear sky, I shall be disposed to alter an old wooden tube so as to carry ^{the Object Glass} it, sooner than lose so beautiful a Comet altogether. When complete I believe I shall have a very noble instrument, and one capable of bearing every high power.

I am glad you saw one of the great meteors which have been noticed lately. I have not been fortunate enough to see any of them - but my time has been very much occupied, and excepting when the Comet has been visible I have ^{scarcely} ~~not~~ been out of doors.

Have you looked at the middle star of the Tail of the Great Bear? If your telescope behaves well, you will not only see it double, as it is to the naked eye - but the large star will be found to consist of two very close together - a real double star.

With many good wishes for your success in your studies I remain
My dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
Thomas William Webb.