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My dearest Arthur,

I am especially obliged by all that you have so very kindly & promptly done for me - & only hope it was not the means of taking up too much of your valuable time. The Rushworth matter was exactly what I wanted - and shows very satisfactorily that Birch's regiment was only expected at Chester - instead of having been actually there. That same Col. Webb I am afraid was one of our family - but we have - as I believe - a full counterpoise in that gallant Col. Webb who was amongst the last cavalry officers that held out for the Crown even to Lord Hopton's surrender to Fairfax in Cornwall. Like his superior he accepted no terms and went abroad.

As to the Anatomical Authors - many thanks for your kind advice - there can be at any rate no necessity for hurrying into such a thing - & I can very well wait and see. When my present pressure is over (I thank God I begin to see a little light) I shall be glad to get a little light easy - not over-

I have not heard a word about Purton - but I should think it no harm if the Mag. gave him something better to do than to run tilts with every jack-an-apes that takes up a lance against him in the English Mechanic. He is a gallant fellow, & I wish him all success - but his pugnacity is quite Irish. He is much too good for the kind of thing. How capital his paper on S in Mr. Notices. -

I did not till this minute see or understand - but looking at your letter again I now fully comprehend the authorship of the obnoxious article, and see quite your difficulty. This makes what I have written over page inapplicable - & you will have to forgive it twice over - but I know you will not wish me to rewrite my letter on account of that oversight of mine.

If you will kindly send me either Alex. H. or Capt. Tuford's address, it would be a favour, & there is no hurry, as Dr. J. can wait. - I have had such a kind letter from W. or Dr. Copeland, the Abercrombie Parsons town. - Reflectors are going a-head. It may be worth your knowing that good astronomical of any size are more difficult to get now than some years back - the search of glass annealing seems partly lost: the trade of course dwindle with it known - but I have it thro' an unexceptionable source - not any optician or quasi optician. Yours most affectionately

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