

doubt hear from him as to the progress of the affair -  
and should it come to nothing, I can let Lord Lindsay know.

2. As to the enclosed letter. Will you do me the favour  
to look at it & tell me what to say? The writer - who has  
made a great mistake and "gone to the wrong shop" for his  
information - would be much the worse, in these times, for  
any that I could give him - and your reply will do me &  
him a real favour. Please return the letter with  
your reply. -

3. I was a great ass (but a weary & overladen one, so  
it is no great wonder) not to fulfil my intention of bring-  
ing to Town the only book I have belonging to the R. A. S.  
Library. I fear I forgot all about it - & possibly therefore  
can hardly be said in the truth to have intended it. But any-  
how my neglect has caused a notice from Mr. Williams -  
to which I shall reply - & send it to Hay as soon as I  
have a safe messenger. But to ensure careful delivery  
I think I had better not prepay carriage. So if you  
will do me the favour to "recoup" Williams on that ac-  
count, I will settle it with you. -

The Index to Birch awaits me with open jaws - nor  
that alone - so here ends this -

My wife sends her kind love to you & your good Mother -  
she had intended calling, but a visit to my very aged uncle  
(89) at Barnsbury Square took up too much of her time.

I have not yet had time to "read up" Nature or any-  
thing else - so am in a state of, perhaps, happy igno-  
rance - My Observatory I found in capital good case -  
but the moon was soon last night -

Ever dearest Arthur

Your very affectionate friend

Isaac! Mac Dydd!