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My dearest Arthur,

I have several matters to discourse to you about - but whether I shall be able to tell you all today is doubtful - at any rate I'll begin.

Incipimus - I received the enclosed letter from D. Farby some days ago - which I guess must relate to your own self. Will you kindly return it when you may be writing?

Next - I have 2 lectures to deliver - sometime in Dec^r - at Cheltenham - on the Transit of \odot , & on Spectrum Analysis as applied to Astronomy. You recollect I have no doubt making me a kind present a good while ago of Huggins's Lecture ^{on the latter subject} - & subsequently borrowing it. If you have quite done with it, it would be very, very convenient to you to return it, I might perhaps find it helpful. -

But about ~~the~~ ^{the} Lecture - I want to consult you: and I know you both can & will kindly aid me. I have seen - & shall see again I hope - but have not got it here - a very interesting article on the Transit of \odot in the Edinburgh Review for last July. It contained of course a good deal about Halley's & Delisle's methods - but the account of the latter (I am sorry I have not got it here to refer to) appeared to me confused & unintelligible. It ~~is~~ ^{is}