

signing the ^{application,} ~~Memorial~~ I must trust to you to get me out of the subscription.

With yours came one from Mr. Haubrey, saying thus (after telling me his Obs.ⁿ is not complete enough to be at work) -

"Respecting Mr. Maith, I am much obliged for your remembering my enquiry, but since you informed me that Proctor was the only hand who c^d. have made it worth his while to use the ins.ⁿ I have assumed that an unskilled astronomical utilitarian cannot be found."

So you see he wants some one (as indeed he told me first of all) who would make up his salary by writing & have the use of the instruments to help him out. This would do for poor Mr. M. - would it not be a good plan for him to insert a notice in Astron. Nachr.? I never see that now - I need to have it gratis then on Dutille's Obs. staffs, but since that has dropped, I do not choose to subscribe for it, except on the principle mentioned above - & so I do not know whether notices are still inserted at the end - as I think they used to be - certainly of instruments

for sale - & surely an Astronomical Assistant - especially a German, might prevail with Dr. Peters to state his dis-engagement.

With - than whom a more dependable observer is not likely to be found - he's seen some very curious movements in Coggia's hair - blowing about in the wind of space - & I & Mr. Key unite in begging him to send the results to the next meeting - then I hope they may have a chance of being read. He is very shy about it, but I have pleased him, & shall get him to make diagrams large enough to be stuck up at the meeting. The mobility of the jets, he has been established, as you well know long ago - & even their rapid motion - but he has more decided evidence than any that I know of. I hope his paper will not only get read but printed. It is curious how much of Newall's 26^m. achrom: image he saw with $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. silvered glass. (not, of course, all.)

Believe me, dear Mr. Arthur
Yours very affectionately
J. W. Webb.