

said me his address - or at any rate the address
of the door, if you know it. He has mentioned
a curious fact about the passage of the Comet
of 1811 over a star (see Nature apt. 13.)
which I never knew of, & sh^d. much wish to
know more about.

Excuse me another chose - I have some
prospect of being in town for a day or so about
Aug 10. i.e. during the week ^{beginning with} ~~ending~~ that
day. I have heard say that there is a cer-
tain very marvellous assemblage of Cockatoos,
and "sundry ill-shaped fishes", as I believe
Shakespeare has it - at S. Kensington - in
the shape of astronomical instruments -
and I have further heard that A.C.R.
Esq: knows a great deal about them.

Now, I happen to be engaged as jackal
under the Popular Sci. Rev. for astro-

nomical information - & 'tis not always easy
to get matter to make up articles - you Greek
bigwigs of the Q.A.S. & other Viertel'ly be...
keeping such silence & reserve. Does
you honour think that an hour's pay-
ing of my poor brains in said Museum
w^d. help to stuff an article? - W.B.

I have seen Galileo's relics - & with real
reverence & admiration - at Florence -
(& his forefinger too, which I wish they
had left at rest - I suppose they
have not sent that here?) - But,
as to other things, is there curiosity en-
ough to pay my cabs there & back?
and that, on a very busy day? -

My wife's kind love -
Yours (in the obscurity I hope tonight)
may affect? J. W. Webb