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My dearest Arthur, (181)

I dare say you may have seen something of the progress of the negotiation concerning the land inaugurated by yourself between Mr. W. and myself, re Micrometer. He made me a most liberal offer of £6. on what I might think it worth. I told him James had said £3 or £4, but I thought that rather low, because the 3 eye pieces must be worth some 3/6s (or say 30s) and that leaves very little for the rest. However I have but I offered to send it "on sale or return"; and he might get an opinion about it, & I would take his price. This morning I learn that he accepts my proposal - which I think fair for both sides - and he tells me to send it to you & that he will be in Town on Monday - so I hope you will get it in time, as I start it from Hay today. If the Rail is slower than Post, surely you ought to have it on Tuesday. - Just after my last letter to him came one to me from Ward telling me that this Dr. Copeland he is going to have a duplicate Browning microm. from Lord Lindsay for about £4 - with 3 eye pieces, new, excepting requiring fresh cross-wires. Very possibly you may know this instrument & it may help in settling the price. -