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My dearest Arthur

There is at Gloucester at the present time
a 10th Newtonian Reflector of S. W. Herschel's
(9 in. aperture ~~of the~~) that was made for
the then King of Prussia, and should have
cost £400, - but something or other - was I
believe - impeded the arrangement, and it was
purchased by an old Major who lived near Glo'ster.
It passed through other hands afterwards, and
is now for sale - I don't know what would
be expected for it, but I think not much -
and I am impressed with the idea, though
not confident, that it was (not repolished on
a tool - but) brightened up a little once, - with
a bathen & some rouge. It has the original
awkward Herschel almaginuth mounting - and
is altogether not an instrument I should care