

lie in or towards Jupiter's meridians is unquestionable; but that is a result of perspective foreshortening, not atmospheric obscuration. The more perfect telescopes become, the more these alleged atmospheric effects hide their heads. You sh^d. compare even such drawings as mine (to say nothing of De la Rue's) with those of B. & M. I may fairly say I am as much a-head of them, as they are in advance of Cassini & Maraldi. -

I have just received intelligence of Comet I 1871. from my good friend R. C. friend Mr. Birmingham - ~~but~~ with an Ephemeris - but I fear it will be too low in the N. for my telescope. It had the Gasous Spectrum! -

About the Kemble MSS. I am truly obliged by all your trouble. My wife's memory, so much better than mine - tells me there is probably a description of the Chronicle, in my dear father's hand, inserted in it: if not it has been printed by Sir J. Duffus Hardy in his Catalogue. I do not know, however, where, or how, that is to be got.

I have just returned from delivering a lecture on $4\frac{1}{2}$ Comets &c. at the Ladies Coll. I find somebody had been throwing water over my letter &c. (did they think there was too much of it?) & now I must be off to make some calls. My wife has gone out - & been vaccinated - & I wish I knew where to find a hermetically sealed Tube of Hay Fever, with which you could be inoculated just at the right time - meanwhile always
My dearest Arthur your very affect. old friend
J. W. Webb.

Cheltenham, 27 April 1871.

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My dearest Arthur,

The books are just come in - & before going to bed I must thank you at once for your great kindness to ~~you~~ ^{my} friend and myself. We shall both be much benefited by it. - As to Lord Lyndsay's critique - I shall feel especially obliged by anything of the kind you can gather, & particularly by any remarks of your own - but in the $\frac{1}{2}$ instance you have specified I do not see how I can make any change, as my colours, as well as positions & distances, are all professed reproductions of the data in the Bedford Catalogue - & the Admiral is alone responsible for anything vague or obscure. I think however I know very well what his 'topaz-yellow' means - a yellow with a slight tinge of brown, or smokiness, as compared with that of sodium, which may I suppose be taken as the standard. But were a new nomenclature attempted, I do not see how a direct comparison with the spectrum-lines could be accomplished with any ordinary means - & to common observers it would convey no intelligible idea. ∞

I am so sorry to think that when I went back to my duty last Saturday I entirely forgot to look out the book for you - however I had so very much to crowd into so short a time (getting up on Monday morning at 3. 20, & more too early) that it was not surprising. However - as we return