

Stoughton College

Baraboo

June 3rd 1876.

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you very sincerely for your most interesting report on the Italian Expedition to observe the Transit of Venus. The work is most satisfactory, & will I trust aid very materially towards perfecting the observations of 1882, which was a main object of your journey.

I provided myself with a special Spectroscope for the Expedition to Kerguelen, but we were not so favourably placed as is desirable for spectroscopic observation, & my instrument was consequently useless.

It would have given me great pleasure to have met you when I passed

through Palermo, on my return from
Kerguelen, & had the honour of paying
my respects to the Cav. G. Cacciatori.

I trust that you have quite recovered
from the effects of your journey
to India. Lord Lindsay is, I am
afraid, still suffering from the
fever caught in the Island of
Mauritius. We were more
fortunate in our Island of
Desolation, but we have since
had to deplore the loss of the
Chief of the second Kerguelen station
who died at St. Helena.

In passing through Rome I had
the pleasure of seeing Padre Secchi
& Prof. Respighi, whose spectroscopic
work pleased me very much.

On Monday week I have to deliver
a lecture at the South Kensington
Scientific Loan Exhibition on the Transit
of Venus, & then I hope to make
good use of the Report you
have been so kind as to
send me.

I was asked by the Hydrographer
of the Admiralty to write a
short popular account of
our Kerguelen Expedition, &
I beg your acceptance of a copy.
The official report will not
appear for some years.

With sincere sentiments of
respect I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely
S. J. Perry.