

Believe me to remain

My dear Professor Tacchini

Yours most sincerely

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From

The Government Astronomer & Meteorological Superintendent.

My dear Professor Tacchini,

Herewith I have the pleasure to enclose a complete statement of all the corresponding signals, and the resulting individual longitudes deduced from our united though far distant co-operation on the 27th December last.

Upon one point I am a little in doubt, and that is, if I have rightly understood that the chronometer corrections given in your letter from Calcutta, on January 5th, were for Mean Noon at Madras. If not, some further small correction will be required, but I hope that on this single matter of uncertainty I have not been mistaken. I shall be happy to hear what you think of our result, and if it affords you satisfaction equal to your expectations. — One inevitable defect still hangs over it, viz. personal equation, and I only regret



labors more promptly. - Now if Messrs. Commissioners  
would only have consented that I had my own  
very extensive preparations to make for discussing  
the Summit of Venice at Padova; - that such  
universal information must have shown the  
over too heavy steady routine of a hard working  
public observation into terrible areas, & that  
other nations besides yourself should my  
cooperation for long-term determinations, & get  
and he would not have written as he did  
to the Government of Padova, thereby involving me  
in tedious and most unnecessary explanations  
in self defence, and no ungratefully attacking one  
who had most willingly done all he could  
to oblige and assist on demand. - I get now  
you will be glad to hear that the reversal  
of my last evidence, so far as Messrs. Commissioners  
is concerned, has been made for me and  
against yourselves, but of course you are in no  
way responsible for his proceedings -  
Saying that you had a pleasant return  
always home, and hoping in due time to  
hear the results of your expedition from Padova!

That instead of making such flying visits to the  
Padovan Observatory you did <sup>not</sup> come and spend  
a week or two as my guest, during which we  
could have made a direct comparison of our  
time determinations, and cleared away the small  
points which can be eliminated in no other  
way - Seeing the two observations -  
Messrs. and Deit, separately, there is a rather  
large difference than I anticipated; but no  
doubt the final mean will be very near the  
truth - quite sufficiently so for your determinations.  
Allow me to express the pleasure it gave  
me to receive your letter and at the  
time; but we doing so I must acknowledge  
in strong terms, upon the very uncertainty and  
dissatisfaction subsequent to your too  
impetuous friend Messrs. Commissioners of Padova;  
doubts as he thought in your behalf, but  
must to the injury of the cause he intended  
to serve. - He advised the Messrs. Government,  
in a very unkindly manner towards me, charging  
me with dissolving our good relations in  
not mentioning you with the results of our