

Dudley Observatory,

Albany, N. Y.

June 1. 1874-

Prof. P. Tacchini
Sir

Your favor of Dec. 23 duly reached me. I should have acknowledged it's receipt much sooner but I have been absent sick. I have received the publications of your Society for numbers of 1873. 9-10-11-12 but the previous numbers have not yet come to hand as I was led to expect from your letter -

I would request that any further favors you send you would write my name on the wrapper as it otherwise occasions confusion in our receipts of books. I have read some remarks by Prof. Young on the publication of your and Italian astronomers of the solar eclipse. It was reviewed but merely and abstract. Is the work a Government publication or is it privately printed. I am having

constructed a machine for ruling diffraction
plates with from 6 to 10000 lines to the inch
I hope to be able to rule 2×3 inches but
that depends entirely how well the diamonds
will hold out + on the softness of the
glass. If I am successful as
I believe I shall be I will appreciate
your favor by sending you several plates

With many thanks for your
publications

I remain

very respectfully

Your obt. servant

Clarence Sterling