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Letter regarding the dedication to King George III of a treatise concerning the construction of arches

Date:

[1805]

Description:

Correspondence from Stephen Demainbray, astronomer, to Isaac Hawkins Browne, Member of Parliament for Bridgnorth, Shropshire, concerning the dedication to King George III of A treatise on the construction and properties of arches (London, 1801) and its Supplement (London, 1804), by George Atwood, Fellow of the Royal Society. [1805].

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Richmond June 26th
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Sir

Mr Atwood yesterday sent me your favor of the 24th. The first time his Majesty sleeps at Ghent I shall probably have an opportunity for learning his pleasure respecting the Models of the arches, which you have been so obliging as to obtain Mr Pitts approval of offering to them. I will certainly at the same time mention Mr Pitts suggestion of the propriety of some Memorandum being preserved of the object, for which they were designed, and to secure access to them sh^d. the original design ever be pursued.

His Majesty's Observatory & collection of Models & Instruments having never been so shut up, as to exclude persons of science properly introduced, there can be no doubt that his Majesty w^o readily permit any person engaged in a work for the public to have access to these models, tho' with great submission I must remark that I think there

will be an awkwardness & some difficulty in any formal stipulation on the subject.

With respect to a Memorandum, that it may be known where Models paid for by the Public have been deposited, there can be no objection.

It will probably be sufficient for me to make out a regular acknowledgement of the same having been received into his Majesty's collection, stating the nature of the Models and for what purpose originally designed.

If any further direction sh^d. occur to you I sh^d. be much indebted by your communicating it; and I beg leave to make my acknowledgements for your kind attention, in yourself writing to me, as after the repeated offers of this kind on the part of my good friend M^r. D. I sh^d. have been much at a loss how to act, had I not received your sanction to the offer -

I have the honor to be
Yours &c

With the greatest respect
Your very hum^{ble} Serv^t.

J. Demainbray

To Isaac Hawkins Browne Esq^r.
Chairman of the Committee &c.