

Copy of a letter from Newton to Henry Oldenburg, dated 13 June 1676

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Sir I have here sent you the letter I promised concerning these series. It is blotted in some places but rather then write it over fair, I have set down here the places less legible. p.1, l: 17, $\overline{P + PQ}^{\frac{m}{n}}$. lin: 34, $\overline{cc}^{\frac{1}{2}}$. p. 4, l: 35, $\frac{CB^q}{CD}$. lin 36, $\frac{1}{14rrc^4}$ p: 6, l:3, $+\frac{14x^5}{2025a^4} + \frac{604x^7}{893025a^6}$ p: 7, l 14, Quare $AG = \frac{3}{2}d - \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{12xx}{175d} - vel + \&c$. lin: 40, in DP cape $DM = \frac{3AD^q}{4AK}$. lin 42 $\frac{4AN+A\beta}{15} \times 4AD$, lin 43 $\frac{21AN+4A\beta}{75} \times 4AD$.

I received yours concerning M^r Lucas, for whom I intend an answer. But he referring in the Postscript to the R. societie's tryal of the Experiment, I desire you would be pleased to send me some short information about their tryal: particularly the shape of their Image as to length & breadth, & the angle of {their Prism contained} by the refracting sides, & whether they caused that angle to be very exactly measured, or {esteemed it by guesse} a less exact measure to be any number of degrees . For I imagin the difference between me & M^r Lucas lies either in the different angles of our Prisms; or in this that he perhaps measures the length of the Image by the streight sides, I by the middle line or axis; or in both together. In his experiments which he urges against me you'll find want of circumspection. Sir I am in hast

Your humble Servant

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