

# Letter from Newton to Henry Oldenburg, dated 18 November 1676

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Sir

I promised to send you an answer to M<sup>r</sup> Lucas this next Tuesday but I find I shall scarce finish what I have designed, so as to get a copy taken of it by that time, & therefore I beg your patience a week longer. I see I have made my self a slave to Philosophy, but if I get free of M<sup>r</sup> Linus's buisiness I will resolutely bid adew to it eternally, excepting what I do for my privat satisfaction or leave to come out after me. For I see a man must either resolve to put out nothing new or to become a slave to defend it.

But to let this pass I beg the favour of you to let your servant convey this inclosed M<sup>r</sup> Boyle, I not knowing well how to direct it to him. Sir I am

Your humble Servant

I. N.

Nov. 18. 1676.

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For Henry Oldenburg Esquire  
at his house about the middle  
of the old Palmail in

Westminster

London

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