

# Letter from Newton to John Collins, dated 17 November 1674

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Novemb 17<sup>th</sup> 1674. Cambridge.

Sir

Hearing that M<sup>r</sup> Kersies book is out of Press, I desire you would send me the Fourth part. I have ordered John Stiles to satisfy you for it. M<sup>r</sup> Dary is very solicitous about Mathematiques. The rules which I lately sent him for resolving æquations by Logarithms to be communicated to you, he applys to quadratic equations: whereas they are only to be applied to æquations which have many intermediate terms wanting, four or five at least. And the more intermediate terms are wanting, the sooner they approach to truth. He is desirous of the best way of determining Logarithms by the Hyperbola & the solution of another Probleme of the same kind, but I have nothing valuable to communicate therein which you are not already acquainted with. So with my thanks to you for all your kindnesses I rest

Your obliged &  
humble Servant

Is. Newton

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As 36500 Is to 10 times the Number of Dayes so is any Principall to the Interest

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53 :	8 :	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
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	16 :	12 :	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			Jan 10	Over
			Carried downe	83 : 15 : 11
				Interest to the 10 of Ap <sup>ll</sup> being 90 dayes By Cash then p <sup>d</sup>
				16: 12: 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ 0: 8: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 66: 15: 8
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				83: 15: 11
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			Brought downe	83: 15: 11
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		81 : 0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Aug being 105 dayes	
				0: 2: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
				<hr/>
				86: 4: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			Brought downe	81: 0: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
			Cash then paid	64: 14: 1
			Interest the to 26 Nov <sup>r</sup> being 96 dayes	22: 4: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			Carried downe	867: 19: 3
			880 : 14 : 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				12: 15: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
			By Cash p <sup>d</sup> 26 Nov	<hr/>
				880: 14: 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
			99 : 4 : 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	}
			Interest to 18 May 1667 being 173 dayes	
				41: 15: 6
			May 18 Paid	350: 0: 0
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				1272: 9: 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

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For M<sup>r</sup> John Collins at the  
Farthing Office in Fenchurch  
Street in

London.

send by Stiles at the green dragon in bishope gate on thursday

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