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London, Oct. 18, 1791

Dear Sir,

I do not know that any experiments have been made on the curious and important subjects that you mention, and I have little doubt but your labours in so new a field will be crowned with considerable success. All that is known of the kind is the great aptness of the more refrangible rays to be <u>reflected</u> in such media as water, and the atmosphere.

Please to give my compliments to your father and brother, and tell them that I did not go the journey that I proposed to do when I wrote before, or I should certainly have called upon you. I have taken a house at Hackney, and am building a laboratory, and as soon as convenient, shall be obliged to your father if he will supply me, as usual, with such articles as you make, viz. earthen tubes closed at the end, and open, and some with two necks, small retorts, evaporating dishes, mortars and levigators. Perhaps your servants hear can tell me the price at which I must estimate those that were destroyed by the riot. I must soon give in the account of my losses, and I fear that some person on your part must attend at Warwick, to attest the value. Mr. Nairne, Mr. Parker, and others, have promised to attend. But I have proposed a conference between my appraiser, and those for the county in London, which, if they be disposed to do justice, will save much trouble and expence.

Whether I shall be invited to succeed Dr. Price, is uncertain. Many apprehend public disturbance in consequence of my coming. I could not get a house let in my own name. A friend took it in his. I have, however, very handsome proposals from France, particularly the offer of a house completely furnished two miles from Paris, and another polite invitation from Thoulouse, to take up my residence in the South of France, in "a monastery which reason has recovered from superstition". I am, Dear Sir, with my respects to all the family, yours sincerely,

J. Priestley

P.S. I shall leave for your father a new publication of mine but only on account of the <u>Preface</u>.