

Dear Sir — It has occurred to me that considering the nature of the animadversions conveyed in my address, their communication to M. Comte as directly from myself may have an offensive appearance in his eyes which I should regret very much. If you have not therefore yet dispatched the copy of the Athenaeum I enclosed to you for him — pray do not mention my name to him as the sender. In all such cases I consider it highly unjust to remark on the writings of an author unfavorably without putting him early in possession of the ipsissima verba of the remarks — but then it should be so done as to give no unnecessary offence of a personal nature.

At all events, should this reach you too late for its intended purpose it will have served to put you in possession of my feeling on the occasion.

13 July 1845.

(In answer to this I asked & obtained Sir J. Herschel; consent to my sending the Athenaeum to M. Comte as from him, together with a copy of his note. )