

Royal Observatory, Greenwich,  
1856 December 18

My dear Sir

I learnt a day or  
two past that my friend  
Dr. Whewell, Master of  
Trinity College Cambridge,  
was about to make a journey  
to Rome; and I immediately  
gave him a short note of  
personal introduction to you.

I write now to ask your permission

At Reverende

Paolo Secchi

to present Dr. Whewell <sup>to you</sup> as a  
person worthy of your kindest  
attention. In extent and  
accuracy of knowledge he is  
scarcely equalled by any person  
living; — whether in matters  
of science, of literature, or  
of art. Though not a  
professional astronomer, he  
is well acquainted with our  
science, and is an Official  
Visitor of the Observatory of  
Cambridge as well as of that  
of Greenwich. — You are

probably acquainted with his  
History of the Inductive Sciences.

As Master of Trinity College,  
he occupies the most important  
position in our Universities.

I am confident that you  
will find his acquaintance  
most agreeable.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly

J. Keble

