

Royal Observatory, Greenwich,  
1866 Nov. 23

My dear Sir

My excellent friend  
Mr. John Fowler, one of our  
most distinguished Engineers,  
is about to visit Rome, and  
will pass some weeks there.

I should be greatly obliged  
if you would permit me to  
introduce him to you, and  
to beg the favour of any attention

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which you are able to show him.  
I know that your thoughts often  
take the direction of engineering,  
and I am confident that you  
will find pleasure in the society  
of one of our most distinguished  
engineers. Mr. Fowler is  
accompanied by his very amiable  
wife.

Among Mr. Fowler's works  
(principally railways) one which  
has attracted much attention is  
the subterranean railway through  
London, which has completely  
altered the state of railway

communications through our  
metaphor's.

My son, who accompanied  
me in Rome when I had the  
pleasure of seeing you some years  
ago, has been conducting an  
engineering work under Mr.  
Fowler's superintendance.

I have taken the liberty of  
giving to Mr. Fowler a note  
of introduction to you. If you  
are able to offer him and Mr.  
Fowler any attention, I shall be  
greatly obliged to you.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly

C. King

Dear Sir,

Philadelphia

My dear Sir, the enclosed

is a Bill for the relief of

the petitioners of the

above named Bill, and

is respectfully submitted

to your consideration.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir, your obedient

servant, &c.

Wm. M. Smith

for the petitioners

of the above named

Bill.

Very respectfully,

Wm. M. Smith

