

the demonstrations there is noe necessity hee should transcribe. There is one Proposition amongst the rest wich Possibly those in England will not iudge sufficiently demonstrated butt the demonstration of that, I have given fully & at large in some other Papers which I have left in Monsieur Carcavi's hands. This was what hee said to mee as concerning the sealed Pacquet. Next hee gave mee a Printed sheet de Parheliis¹⁹). I dont know said hee whether or noe this bee gone into England. If it bee not Pray bee pleased to send this to Monsieur Oldenbourg with my thanks for the great care & paines hee hath taken to send mee the Transactions. Next hee tooke up another bundle of Papers wich hee had laid premeditately on the bed & taking them up in his hands hee studied & consulted some little time with in himselfe whether hee should call for a candle & seale them in my Prefence or noe butt having paused a little while noe said hee those I will not seale I will give you them as they are.

I referre myself to your faithfulnessse not to shew them to any body before my death which when you heare of you may read them your selfe & then seale them up & send them into England by a sure conveyance to the Royall Society. I asked him to whom in the Royall Society. hee said hee sent them to the Society in generall, butt putt principally to my Lord Broncard whom hee said hee knew to have a very cleare insight into the Doctrine of Motion & whom (hee was well assured) did understand those Points by what hee had seene by him already & hee hoped that for his sake & upon his request hee would digest those Papers which were confusedly written & which hee had not time to finish soe that if hee iudged them worthy of the world the world might bee the better for them. These Papers containe some propositions about motion rough cast & in their first draught & on the Paper which wraps them up is written on the outside de Motu per impulsum. This was all hee spoke as concerning his manuscript hee gave to mee & after that I fell into a discourse concerning his sicknesse, concerning what hee tooke, hee complained much of the ignorance, of the timidity, of the Galenical methods & prescriptions with which they administer Physick in these Parts. then said hee Oh if Doctor Willis were here I believe I should recover butt these People have not a right conception of Physick & yet the Ablest²⁰) of them are about mee & they doe their best. Then hee fell into a discourse concerning the Royal Society in England wich hee said was an assembly of the Choicest Witts in Christendome & of the finest Parts: hee said hee chose rather to depositt those little labours of his which God had blesst & those pledges which to him were dearest

¹⁹) Il s'agit de l'ouvrage cité dans la Lettre N°. 1610, note 10. Il ne fut envoyé en Angleterre que quelques mois plus tard. Une traduction parut dans les Phil. Trans. N°. 60, du 20 juin 1670.

²⁰) Un de ces médecins fut Moïse Charas, apothicaire de Monsieur, frère du Roi. Voir la Lettre N°. 1797, note 4.