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My Dear Mr. Herdcastle,

I have been intensely interested with your Lectures on Astronomy. But as a retired Naval Officer (of 55 years age) I went rather ^{as} a critic, than a student, wishing to compare scholastic with practical Astronomy. I may mention in passing, that since the year 1871, when I had the privilege of serving in the "Iron Duke" with the late Ad. Sir Charles Stadauld, I have been much drawn toward practical astronomy, although not having a mathematical brain, I have never been able to grasp the subject with tenacity. I was much struck with an expression used by you in your lecture on "the position