



## NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

OLD ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

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*Dear John*

Here, at last, is the report on the clocks at the Observatory. This year has been busier than ever for the staff at the N.M.M., with more to do and less people to do it, and I do apologise for the time it has taken to get this to you.

You will find that there are one or two small details that I have not entered in the report. I have left these empty because I forgot to note them, and hope you won't mind adding them in to your copy (for example the external dimensions of the Buchanan clock).

Also, I have stupidly lost my copy of the note on the Waugh clock; I just can't think what has happened to it, and I wonder if you would mind adding in a few notes of your own at the end of the report where I briefly mention 'ex-Amagh clocks'. Also, would you mind awfully sending me another copy of the note?! Otherwise I think the report should be pretty complete. I haven't given notes on all the makers concerned, but if you or John McFarland need a few biographical details for the museum do let me know and this can be done easily.

I have put the report into a ring binder so that you can add the restorer's notes into it as and when they are sent - if you think this is the right thing to do. I have sent copies to Harry Gilmore, Bertie McClure and William Stuart. I have asked them for comments, and would be glad to hear if you too find any omissions or errors; there shouldn't be too many!

All being well, I hope to visit Dublin in January and might find time to come up to Armagh; if I do I will let you know. Meanwhile, thanks again for your patience and let me know if I can help further. I will keep in touch as the restoration work goes ahead, of course.

Yours sincerely,

*best wishes*

*Jonathan Betts*

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A REPORT ON THE PRECISION CLOCKS AT ARMAGH OBSERVATORY

Jonathan Betts

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