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has promised me to take care for paper both for you
and Dr. Gregory is to send the signature &c. to the printer.

I doubt not you have seen a very malicious pamphlet
agt. the transactions. I am very glad the author of it was
so ignorant, for in many things he ridicules the terms of
art & lays down very false principles that any person
who knew the least in surgery, anatomy, ~~or~~ physic or nat-
ural history ~~must~~ own to be great mistakes. And for the
critical part, either he is altogether out, or frivolous. For
my part I am not the least concerned at it & shall answer
it no other ways then by despising it. I have not been yet
able to find out the author or book seller but by what I can
guess by my best informations, ^{they are} ~~the~~ the same that wrote & printed
the Journey to London agt. Dr. Lister. Though there is some
reason to believe there were more than one abt. it, yet I
believe the chief compiler was the same with that. Level persons
of the Societies are angrier then I who am principally concern-
ed in it, for I have heard of it above a year since.

There is also another libell printed in French in Holland by one Dumont. I formerly mentioned ^{to you} a person who proposed some difficulties abt the gravitation of the air. He has now —

printed his papers & has taken occasion to abuse you -
Mr. Boyle & me amongst ^{others} but I am somewhat of
opinion both by what I see here & in his book that he
is somewhat gone beyond ordinary under-^{standing} & I
doubt even beyond himself. I am

8. J. J. not over 1-

Leah Hans Hoane

To Dr. Luan

Oxford Feb 19. 1699

5th I received your postcard; and I thank you for it. I have heard
of the Book you mention, but have not seen it. The Author of it,
and of your note to London, is Love Jones, formerly of St.
Christchurch Oxford, now of Dorset. I do not
know him connected for a Minister. It is thought below his char-
acter to write at that rate. We have seen that of Darnley
his writings are full of errors & being neglected. They
must not be taken more as than their value.

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