

better manipulator, and no man  
I think need feel insulted at  
such ~~of~~ the suggestion of such a  
possibility-- -- However let  
us throw the note overboard  
and put the enclosed in its  
place - Leave it to your own  
decision either to insert the  
note I now send or to ~~suek~~  
& say nothing at all.

most sincerely yours  
John Lyndall

27/36

My dear Francis,

I am much obliged to  
you for your strictures regarding  
my note in reply to Adie ~~as~~  
~~you have indeed~~ committed a  
mistake which I never intended  
to make - Had not the slightest  
desire to be too severe, indeed  
my wish was to avoid it  
severely and to be as mild  
and clement as possible.  
It is difficult to say any

thing about his paper without  
appearing to be sure, for on  
close scrutiny he himself the thing  
appears to be so absurd that  
the conclusion is certain that he  
does not know what he is  
writing about is to me  
inevitable. This is my fixed  
conviction - now put this conclusion  
in your own mind and sit  
till me whether you think you  
would write more mildly  
than I have done? The fact of

it Adit instead of repeating  
the experiments has bursted his  
remembrance of results obtained  
10 years ago and puts this  
remembrance ~~firmly~~ in opposition  
to a universally accredited  
fact of science. I again state  
however that I have not the  
 slightest desire to say a hard  
word about the matter. No  
man need be ashamed to  
confess that 10 years ~~past~~  
experience has made him a