

III. *Part of a Letter from Mr. Butterfield from Paris, Sept. 7. 1698. to Dr. Martin Lister, Fellow of the Colledge of Physicians and R. S. concerning Magnetical Sand.*

I Send you a little of that *Black Sand* which in *Italy* they use instead of Dust to their Letters; it is found Six Miles from *Genes* near *St. Piere d'araine* on the Sea-Shoar. It hath the Properties of the Loadstone, and I do believe that it is Loadstone or Powder of Loadstone, for it followeth the Loadstone; it sticketh to a Knife that is touched with the Loadstone; it draweth a Magnetick Needle; it doth not ferment with *Aqua Fortis*, as Iron Dust doth; it doth not rust with any Acide that can be put to it; it doth not sparkle in the Flame of a Candle, as Steel-dust doth when it is thrown into the said Flame. It is commonly found on the Sea-Shoar after great Storms.

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