

Voorschoten, 30-4-69.  
Palestrinalaan 11.

Dear Grothendieck,

Last fall I wrote you that I was planning to work out your notes on formal tamely ramified coverings together with a result on "plumbing".

In doing so it turned out to be necessary- at least by the method I followed- to write again a lot of preliminaries on tamely ramified coverings, this time for formal schemes. I am still not ready with the above mentioned "project"! Since it took me already much time, I would appreciate it very much to have -before proceeding- your opinion about the preliminary version which I have prepared so far. Of course it is not necessary to read the notes in detail. My question is: what do you think of this set-up and do you think it worthwhile to continue in this way? To me the entire thing seems somewhat indigestible.

I have adjoined some comments on the different chapters. The notes consists of two parts. Part one ( Chap. I-VII) are the preliminaries, part two ( CHap.VIII-X) are your notes and the plumbing. The chapter on the analogue of the theorem of Mumford has still to be written.

I hope you don't mind too much that I bother you again with these tamely ramified coverings!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*J.P. Murre*

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