

My dear Sir,

I liked very much your article in to days Freemason - The annual meeting of this Society took place on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. I should have been well if I way to write an article anonymously signing it  $\neq 33?$ , recapitulating what has taken place from the beginning of the controversy, their resolutions &c. and their ultimate decision, and so close for ever the controversy - But such an article can be written after their annual meeting, in which most likely will proclaim their only Masonic duty - by some as they resolve if I shall demand the abolition of their jewels &c. - I suggest you send an article in to days N<sup>o</sup> 24. about Foreign Rites &c. - I think like yourself that after all Dr. Bigsby has not given explicit answer to Sex's challenge question - ~~He has~~ <sup>Dr. Bigsby</sup> has vigorously & vigorously rejected an attack which only failed because the assailant wanted ammunition! Sex was too hasty - Dr. Bigsby mentions a body what were in truth merely commemorative medals or equivalent decorations, and he contentiously quotes an Authority, one in no better plight than himself - Sir James Burnes is another objectionable authority. Many such argue logically & plausibly on the assumption that their axioms are sound - Wh



is generally not the way - "Sex" has failed  
 through ignorance - I send you the  
 article - I marked the weak points of  
 your paper - Believe me to remain with  
 sincere regard yours as ever  
 Mr. J. W. Wood  
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2 June '11  
 Dear Mr. Wood  
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