

Croft's Corner.
Forest Row. Sussex
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My dear Fisher

I am sorry to say that Mellet tells me that his intervention on your behalf has not produced any satisfactory results. He has only written to the Secretaries, and learns that all the Editors are in accord in regard to the decision. He thinks it would be useless for him in these circumstances to bring the matter before the Council, as it could only mean defeat. I agree with him. He thinks I might succeed if I were to do so, but I much doubt it. Moreover I have a strong objection to a committee who does not take the trouble to

attend, intervening with the
sole view of airing the grievance
of a friend - and that would be
my position. Moreover I could not
even hint at the true grounds for
my suspicion. Now my advice to
you is to let the whole matter
drop. Your views have been brought
before the responsible persons, who
alone control in this case. To do
more will only injure you and
not benefit the Society. Contumacy
seldom does good - so I was taught
at home. I know it is all very
aggravating, but the above is my
considered advice.

Yours sincerely

A. Darwin