

Old Hobbs

24. 11. 88

My dear Macmillan,

I have not had a moment's time to acknowledge & reply to yours of 15th, communicating the resolution till today (and now I write from examination room on examⁱⁿ-paper): I have to thank you & regret that unintentionally I caused the Council ^{trouble} ~~trouble~~ I think that there is a certain misapprehension indicated in your letter. 1. From first to last I have ~~done~~ ^{originated} nothing on account of my own wishes, but have, contrary to my own wishes, in the first place ^{voluntarily} offered a paper to the C.M.S. and in the second place allowed a discussion to trouble the Council & ~~cause~~ cause a special meeting, in both instances deferring to the ^{advice} ~~views~~ of others whom I consider better judges than myself.

2. You express the hope that I will now do my utmost to meet the views of the M. Committee by withdrawing or modifying the illustrations to which the Committee chiefly take exception. I offered months ago to reconsider any drawings to which the Committee objected: the reply was that owing to distance "discussion of individual drawings becomes impossible." The one principle on which I stand ~~at that~~ ^{which I} have all along maintained, is that my opinion ought to be at least asked & my reasons (either as conveyed in my paper or stated in answer to a question) learned before any particular drawing is finally rejected. I have not even yet been informed of ~~the~~ any single

drawings to which the Committee object, but have simply been told in answer to a request for information ^{as to} any particular cases, that ~~the~~ as a preliminary I must make the general agreement to allow them 'to use their own discretion in selecting or rejecting' &c [date Sept. 29th].

Having agreed to allow myself to ~~be~~ come before the Council, I of course accept the law as determined by the Council: I am fully sensible that the Council wishes to use the too scanty funds of the Society in the best way, and that they are much better judges than me in the matter.

I have made a selection of thirteen drawings, ~~of which~~ ^{of which} I consider to be the cardines of my views, ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~sent to the Committee to decide about~~ on Phrygian Antiquities. It will of course not be possible for me now to write in this paper ^(or couple of papers) ~~all~~ a complete conspectus of the subject, but I put in it the most critical, & the most novel, illustrations. The ~~other~~ illustrations not wanted for the ~~two~~ ^{two} papers will be published elsewhere, and several ^(to which I thought the Committee were most likely to object) ~~have~~ already some months ago been sent to Couzo.

I remain,

Yrs very truly

Wm Ramsay

P.S. As much of this letter as you think advisable is official & as much as you like is private.