

Mar. 30/4/57.

Dear Mr. Myers,

Thank you for your kind letter of Saturday. I am extremely grateful to you for taking up this question again with Sir M.W. I will re-arrange my lectures, & all being well, will be at the Athenaeum at 12.45 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.

I must, of course, leave it to you to make any points about the Society's interest & reputation, but I will answer any reasonable questions I am asked.

I think it might help if I told you briefly my present attitude to the whole affair. I think that any sentimental obligations to Evans, your father & myself should not be of the least account. I am convinced that it is right & desirable that these documents should be published as quickly as possible in the manner planned for S.M.I. Since, in spite of all my objections, I have been repeatedly assured that S.M.I. is finally abandoned, I have planned an abbreviated work, proceeding with the minimum of commentary on the documents in the Lower Reports.

I was prepared to discuss with the President his offer to publish some such work "under your direction" in Archaeologia. But since I wrote to this effect, a new factor has arisen. The review of Doct. - which I wrote on request for the Antiq. J., and which was accepted as "entirely valid" and desirable, was abandoned without my explanation, & only last week I was informed that a review by Carratelli was to be published instead.

I am sorry to stress this other issue, but I do so partly because I am led to think from arguments of chronology that the two affairs are connected, & partly because I think a more serious matter of principle is involved in the question of the review than in that of SM<sup>iii</sup>. It might be maintained that SM<sup>iii</sup> is of inadequate quality, and unworthy of publication. But my review, which posed a series of general questions consequent on a close examination of the proposed decipherment of the Linear Script B, was accepted for publication in a letter which enclosed a full report on the review. This report made it clear that the review was reasonable and that it was desirable that it should be printed. I added further that there was no reason why anyone else should be asked to review the book in my stead.

To abandon my review after this I regard as not only a breach of faith but of direct threat to the principle of academic freedom. I shall have no further dealings with any society which is capable of such actions. I will publish my review elsewhere, and with your <sup>agreement</sup> permission, I will help to publish elsewhere also extracts from SM<sup>iii</sup>. On Thursday ~~with~~ I will help in any way I reasonably can to clarify my position, but I can only act on the reiterated assurance that both SM<sup>iii</sup> & my review have been suppressed.

Yours sincerely,  
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