June 17th 1932.

Dear Wiehart,

Thanks for your letter of 16th June, and for your personal invitation to me to attend the meeting.

Unfortunately July 7th is the day for the annual meeting of the Cenetical Society, which I should not like to miss.

The financial difficulty into which the Committee appears to be the direct result of Commis's policy, and I imagine the critical attitude of the Council will continue so long as he is Secretary.

You will remember that

- (i) Prior to Comrie's Secretaryship all the computational work done by members of the Committee, practically all needed for the volume so far published, was (with one exception) unpaid work.
- (ii) The only assumption was made in favour of Comrie himself; who after computing the Joo and J1 tables, put in (much to the surprise of Nichelson) an application for a grant.
- (iii) Within a year after Comrie became Secretary none of the work in hand by members of the Committee was honorary.
 - (iv) At the same period the expense of printing differences

was declared from the chair to be interested to a small and doubtful difference in the speed of interpolation. This declaration appeared to me obviously a surprising of the objects for which the Committee exists, to the personal predujices of the Society, that I resigned the Editorship, and have taken no part in the further discussion of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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