

Washington D.C.

Dec. 15. 1890

Prof. O. C. Marsh  
President N. A. A. S.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by the Secretary under date of Nov. 25 that you have appointed me to prepare a biographical Memoir of our deceased colleague Dr. Peters. I have been considering the matter since and find myself embarrassed by unfamiliarity with memorial composition and want of knowledge of his astronomical labors scattered over different countries & comprising fully half a century. I would therefore beg that you may be pleased to appoint some one better qualified to do justice to the Dr's Memory

than I could do.

I remain

Yours very truly

Chas. A. Scott

1891 Jan. 26

Dear Marsh:

You will see that  
Schott declines  
to prepare Peter's  
biography. Will  
Newton do it?

Yours  
A. Hall

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Washington D.C.

Jan 7. 24. 1891

Dear Prof. Hall

I have given further  
consideration to the matter of the memo-  
rial of Dr. Peters but find that my want  
of experience in this kind of writing would  
neither do justice to his memory nor be  
satisfactory to me — I trust you may  
be able to suggest some one else to perform  
this duty which otherwise I would not  
have been justified to decline.

I remain yours  
truly

C. A. Schott

P.S.

Thanks for your kind communication  
of Bessel's papers.

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