

Superintendent my chart, issued by the American Metrological Society, which I regard as excellent. Please refer this to some one of the special committee of the Institute, or use it otherwise as may best help advance the use of the metric system.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. A. MIXER,  
*Res. Eng.*

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ENGINEERS' AND ARCHITECTS' CLUB OF LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 21, 1901.

*To the Secretary :*

I respectfully request that you use this writing as authority for casting my vote strongly in favor of the metric system of weights and measures. I would make it compulsory and in force as early as possible.

Yours truly,

THOMAS P. SHANKS.

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PHILADELPHIA, February 7, 1902.

*To the Secretary :*

\* \* \* I am in sympathy with the resolutions, and indorse the same.

Yours very truly,

HORACE PETTIT.

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*Messrs. the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, U.S.A.*

SIRS :—I just received the February 21st number of *London Engineering*, and noted with the greatest interest that your Institute took so decisive a step in relation to the introduction of the metric system into your great republic, which we Dutchmen can never forget is the birthplace of John Lothrop Motley, to whom we owe so great a debt.

I am glad to see that the name of the great Franklin will be united to the great scheme of introducing the metric system and supplanting the barbarous, incoherent mass of weights and measures which is now prevalent in Anglo-Saxon regions. I am sure that if he had lived to-day, he would have been the first to propose the measure you have just taken.

What especially rejoices me is that not only scientific men like Mr. Jesse Pawling, Jr., signed the report issued by the committee, but that practical men like James Christie and others, joined in the recommendation of the metric system. Scientists, as physicians, chemists, have, even in Great Britain, adopted metric measures and weights, and so I was not at all astonished to see their names. But every technical man must feel what heavy expenses and great trouble will accompany the introduction of metric measuring into shop-work. The more it is to be appreciated that practical men join in the demand, but I am sure that after a purgatory of confusion the reward will not remain behind.