

**An unpublished letter to the Editor of the  
'Journal of Scientific Instruments' and of the  
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Sir,

Your Journalese recent instruxion  
Is that authors must use the construxion  
'X', not "ct", in "deflection".

I cannot accept this decoxion  
Or partake of this pedants' concoxion,  
I decide, on reflection.

It is an undue restrixion  
On freedom, and will lead to frixion! –  
If you see the connection.

This policy needs redirexion  
After the next Board elexion! –  
Note my rising inflection!

Now is the time to take axion!  
I call on the like-minded fraxion  
Of Members to raise a ruxion!

In conclusion, Sir, it gives me, etc.,

T.H.E. Willies.