De Minimis

To the Bag:

Apropos True Minds (7 GREEN BAG 2D 303 (2004)), and the Lerner gloss thereupon (7 GREEN BAG 2D 371 (2004)), herewith the residue of a long-ago Oxford legal education:

An unfortunate fellow named Rex
Had diminutive organs of sex
When charged with exposure
He replied, with composure,
“De minimis non curat lex.”

Cordially,
Robert A. Anthony
Arlington, Virginia

Hamilton’s Honor

To the Bag:

Alexander Hamilton’s June 18, 1787 speech before the Constitutional Convention was of momentous importance and insight, but his generation’s Michael