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Thursday evening

Dear Sir,

I called at your place this morning but you were out. I should have liked to have seen you as one say so much more than can conveniently be written in one short note. [1]As I surmised, M[r] Mottershead[a] has, in deference to the wish of your party, consented to accept the Secretaryship, until you find a | better man. [2]I hope, therefore, that there will be no further delay in the solution of our common difficulty, and that next Tuesday will see the ground cleared for work—proper, legitimate work—in the large and imperial interests of the Association.

You would be astonished (I have been) at the intensity of the feelings of indignation animating what I will, for convenience, call the English independent party, on account of the present Secretary[b]'s conduct.

| So long as he occupies office, there can be neither peace nor truce at the Council board. [3]They chafe under his studied impertinences, and are irritated beyond endurance by the reflection that it is from the vantage ground of office in his capacity of their paid servant, that his unbridled insolence acquires importance.

For my own part, I am more concerned about those graver faults, of which we have talked – his desire to control the action of the General through the British Federal Council, | his ulterior selfish aims, and his unscrupulous personal ambition. [4]While their cause of anger is undoubtedly sufficient to warrant removal from office, mine merits expulsion from the Association[d].

I shall be glad to see you, or hear from you, on an early day; the gauntlet has been thrown down and the issue must be fought out now.

Yours faithfully
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a) Mottershead, Thomas (ca. 1825-1884)

b) John Hales[c].

c) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

d) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)

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