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Dear Citizen Engels–

Hales[a] is doing all the mischief it is possible for disappointed ambition to accomplish: he has written to everybody whose address he has in Manchester making himself an Angel and his opponents Devils[,] in fact he seems to think the “Hour has come and he ~~*his*~~ is the Man”. I requested our Secretar[y] to call a meeting for the purpose of electing a representative on The “Federal Council”[.] I proposed Milner[b] but the election was postponed[,] in the meantime letters passed between the Sec[y] and “Hales”.

Hales[c] says “do not elect Milner[d] he is honest but he is stupid and impracticable” of course the election is again postponed[.] I have personally visited nearly all the members of our Section and I am sure he will be elected at our next meeting. –

| We hold a meeting to[-]night of The Council of the Manchester Federation—a Letter will be read from Hales[e], something like a little pamphlet, it commences with an account of the establishment of the British Federal Council.—

He says he was at a meeting at Marx’s–house–one Night at which Marx said he would assist Hales in forming a “British F C” on Condition that certain men were not made members of it viz. Weber[f] and Richard[h].

Hales[j] consented, from that very night “he has felt himself degraded—and is prepared to go in “ ‘Sack Cloth and ashes” ’ to atone for is past sins.

He is convinced that the interference of Marx will damn any movement—his twenty five years of exile has corrupted him”

There are other things concerning yourself and Marx—I have only read | the Letter over once—I will endeavour to get a copy of it and forward it to you.

It is a cursed shame that any member of the association should be allowed to write up and down the country personal matters concerning its Co-workers as Hales[k] has done just when we are getting nicely established in fact becoming a reality[.] The dirty Linen of London is sent down to Manchester to be washed—I have no fear for the result in Manchester nor in Liverpool but in other places they will only have one side of the question. –

I have seen one of the most active of the Liverpool members, he was delegate at the Nottingham Congress— | he is fully acquainted with both sides of the question and he told me that when he ~~*whent*~~ went back to Liverpool he should do everything in his power to rescind the vote that they passed the other week. –

Last week I was with G. Odger[l] in Manchester he had been lecturing for one of our Sections on “Capital and Labour”. Conversation happened to turn on the remark that Marx made at The Hague viz. that the British Workingmen[,] that is their leaders[,] were sold[m] – I made the remark Mottershead[o] is afraid of his character. Oh[,] said Odger[,] when I put up for “Southwark“ Mottershead refused to support me when asked the reason why he said “Well it is rather awkack*(?)*[p]. You see I have had a retainder from Sir Sydney Waterlow[r][’]s agent[q]”. No one disputes it[,] says Odger[,] it is a matter of fact –

| Thus—you see how the English Working class leaders believe in the honesty of each other.— I have heard that the Federal Council refused to receive Dupont[s] as a delegate because Sexton[t] represents “The Manchester Federation”[;] now it is absurd “Sexton only represents our Central Section, the other Sections that have been formed recently have all submitted their Rules to the “Federal Council” and have been accepted as members—all our members are unanimous in condemning this course of proceeding. –

It is now nine weeks since our Congress and we have not yet got the Federal Rules. –

The Little Parliament in Fleet Street thinks the world can be regenerated by talk. They will have Something Strong from Manchester very soon on that point. –

| Friend Heys[u] is getting better—he told me to say that he would remit you the money that he owes you in a few days. –

I will write you again to[-]morrow and tell you what has passed at The Council. –

I sent some Letters to the judicial Committee of the old General Council [,] I should very much like to have them back –

Jung[v] informed Hales[w] what passed at your house when Dupont[x] was elected to go to Nottingham all this he has repeated in his letters to Manchester—he also charges me with keeping up a correspondence with you and receiving instructions | as to what to do. –

I cannot~~*immagine*~~ imaginewho has been so kind as to inform him of all this except it is surmise.

Our Council will most certainly challenge him for proof concerning all the statements that he makes concerning individuals.

I feel awfully bitter against the fellow—for disturbing the Harmony of our Sections.

We shall see what we shall see

Yours Fraternally
E Jones

A Resolution has been passed to[-]night and forwarded to the F. C. condemning Hales[y] in unmeasured terms[,] it was passed unanimously[;] more to-morrow.

Erläuterungen

a) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

b) Milner, George (-)

c) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

d) Milner, George (-)

e) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

f) Joseph Valentin Weber[g]?

g) Weber, Joseph Valentin (1814-1895)

h) Albert Marie Richard[i]?

i) Richard, Albert Marie (1846-1925)

j) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

k) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

l) Odger, George (1820-1877)

m) Siehe hierzu The Hague Congress. Minutes and Documents.[n] S. 37 u. 124.

n) Zotero Link für: The Hague Congress. Minutes and Documents.

o) Mottershead, Thomas (ca. 1825-1884)

p) Gemeint: akward?

q) Sydney Hedley Waterlow war der offizielle Kandidat der Liberal Party bei den Nachwahlen in Southwark 1870, bei der auch George Odger antrat und deutlich mehr Stimmen als Waterlow erhielt, jedoch letzlich gegen Marcus Beresford (Conservative Party) unterlag

r) Waterlow, Sydney Hedley (1822-1906)

s) Dupont, Eugène (1831-1881)

t) Sexton, George (-)

u) Heys, Charles (-)

v) Jung, Hermann (1830-1901)

w) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

x) Dupont, Eugène (1831-1881)

y) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

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