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Dear Citizen Engels.

Enclosed is a circular issued in Manchester respecting a “Labour Journal”[b]. Patrick Barry[c] whom you will see has been chosen as one of the Editors is the founder of the movement. He has asked me to assist him in getting the matter up, but I hesitate (although he has promised to pay well for all loss of time).

Barry[d] was connected with “The New Social Alliance[e]⌈"⌉ and through that became acquainted with some of the leading Trades Unionists of this Country, he attending “The Trades Unionists⌈"⌉ demonstration that was held in Manchester on Saturday last—after the | proceedings were over⌈,⌉ the persons whose names you see on the circular adjourned to The Merchants⌈'⌉[f]. [1]Barry & the Secretary Bowker[g] being there the only persons who had any idea of starting a paper. But during the night they decided on issueing the Circular that I have sent⌈.⌉Sexton[h] was ~~chosed~~ chosen as Co-Editor but I am sure he knows nothing about the affair any farther.

On Wednesday Mess[rs]Barry[i] & Bowker[j] called on me at business and asked if I would attend a meeting in the Evening at The Merchants⌈'⌉. I did so. There was present two ~~Capitilists~~ Capitalists from London who had invested some £ 8000 in purchasing | premises for printing purposes

& they were very interested in pushing this matter forward (to use an expression of one of themselves) “Commercially”[.]

Therefore I feel myself in a Fog as to the whole affair[.] I know there are some good men and true connected with the business but the £ 8000 gentleman puzzles me. I should not object to using them as instruments in founding a paper and helping the cause of labour, but I should not like them to use me and others*(?)* simply “Commercially”.

Perhaps you could advise me in this matter I am treading very cautiously & shall know more in a day or two.

Answer if possible by return

Yours Fraternally E. Jones

Erläuterungen

a) Chorlton-on-Medlock -- ein Distrikt von Manchester.

b) Die Beilage ist überliefert: TRADES’ CIRCULAR. THE FOUR EIGHTS. A Weekly Trades’ Journal for the Advancement of the Claims and for the Supremacy of the Rights of Labour (RGASPI, f. 1 op. 5 d. 2908).

c) Barry, Patrick

d) Barry, Patrick

e) Keine Referenz gefunden.

f) The Merchants’ Hotel, Oldham Street, Manchester (siehe Beilage).

g) Bowker, William (-)

h) Sexton, George (-)

i) Barry, Patrick

j) Bowker, William (-)

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