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My dear Engels

You will, I know, be suprised to hear that my wife[a] and I will leave England for America in the early part of next month. I am induced to leave by many considerations. I never could get on well in England and I will be far better able to help the good cause in America. I have everything against me here; my opinions, antecedents etc all stand in stern array against me and men (“friends” if you | will) who could have pushed me forward without compromising themselves in any way, have shrunk from doing so, lest they might become identified with me or my opinions. It is only very recently, indeed within the last few days that I have resolved to go but rest assured that I shall carry with me not only the kindest remembrances of you, M^{rs} Engels[b], D^{r} Marx and others but that I shall throw myself with a new energy into our movement in America. I have been sleeping here but I could not help it. My desires were strong but my circumstances were not. With improved circumstances in America | I will be able to do an immense deal not alone for the movemen^{t} amongst the Irish in America but in Ireland & England. I will make all arrangements with De Morgan[c], give him addresses, introductions etc. etc. I hope you and D^{r} Marx will kindly supply me with good letters of introduction. Of course I will see you before I go when you can instruct me on various matters. One of my last acts in England will be to assist at our International Demonstratio^{n} in Hyde Park for the release of the Fenians. The Universal Republican ~~*Leagueres*~~ Leaguers thought through the Irishman[d] to do it all themselves but I have

proved too powerful an opponent and they have been licked. Lessner[e] is one of the | Secretaries & I have drawn out the programme etc. My wife and I will of course see you before going. I have written to De Morgan. He and I will also see you. I hope you and D[r] Marx will give me good letters.

With kindest wishes from my wife & self to you and M[rs] Engels

I am Ever yours truly
JP M[c]Donnell

Erläuterungen

a) McDonnell, Mary (-)

b) Burns, Lydia (1827-1878)

c) De Morgan, John Francis (-)

d) The Irishman

e) Leßner, Friedrich (1825-1910)

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