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Dear D^r Marx

As I have been down here for the last ten days, I know not whether you have written to my address in Peckham. This would not be the case, only I expected, when I came here, to return to town in a day or two but circumstances prevented me doing so. In the meantime I have closely watched the correspondence in The [Daily News](#)^areInternational^b. I was not a little surprised and vexed at the cowardly withdrawal of Messieurs. [Lucraft](#)^c and [Odger](#)^d from the Council. However the Association, instead of losing by their retirement, may benefit by it. I have know many such person | in our Irish movements but we put them “outside the pale” and never spared them. They are revolutionists in peace—cowards and loyalists in times of trouble. As for persons like M^r [Holyoake](#)^e—with whom I was slightly acquainted at one time—they are too feeble-minded to be of the slightest use in progressive movements. They generally hold themselves in high estimation and expect others too [to] look upon them as infallible authorities. However the people are now growing too sensible and intelligent to be humbugged.

Now as to the International & the Irish. I think it quite possible to bring within the folds(?) of the Association, the majority of the working men in Ireland. This would be found a difficult task some few years ago but Fenianism has, thank Goodness, destroyed clerical | power in Ireland. I am acquainted and have great influence with the working classes and their representatives in Ireland. My influence is as great, if not greater, with the intelligent Irish throughout England

and I know that by some trouble & energy the intelligent Irish masses in both countries, can be enrolled under the banner of the International. This new element I need hardly say w(?)ould give great additional power to the International. In my friend O'Donovan Rossa's^f hands in the United States, great things can be accomplished amongst my countrymen. On these matters I must have a long conversation with you, as they are of great importance. In the meantime please communicate with me at my Peckham address, as I will be leaving for town to[m]orrow. My | Peckham address is 8 Southboro Terrace Carlton Road, Peckham S.E. Please convey to **Madame Marx**^g and M Engels my warmest thanks for their kind reception on Sunday fortnight and accept the same yourself from

Yours always faithfully
J. P. M^cDonnell

P.S.

I have been thinking very much of the great ends which may be accomplish by the International^h. Taught by sad experience and schooled by adversity I can fully understand its principles which are quite in accordance with my own. Excuse this brief and hastily written note.

Erläuterungen

- a) The Daily News
- b) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)
- c) Lucraft, Benjamin (1809-1897)
- d) Odger, George (1820-1877)
- e) Holyoake, George Jacob (1817-1906)
- f) O'Donovan Rossa, Jeremiah (1831-1915)
- g) Marx, Jenny (1814-1881)
- h) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)

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