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My dear Engels

As I cannot attend the Council this evening, will you kindly act for me. If Hales[a] makes any reference to the “Propaganda Fund”, kindly propose the postponement of the matter until next Tuesday evening when I will be present. You, of course already understand the object of the “Propaganda Fund”, that it is meant for poor De Morgan[b] and that it has been styled “Propaganda Fund” chiefly to avoid the appearance of charity.

May I also trouble you to make any corrections which you may deem necessary in Hales[c]’s report of my | remarks of Tuesday evening last.

I have had another letter from my friend Mathews[d][,] the Secretar [y] of the Section in Middlesboro. He says that several Irishmen have recently joined and that two of the most influential in the town are about to join. The English members of the Section have kicked up a row, saying why should they have a reserve fund (the ½*(?)* per week which the Irish Sections pay) when the English Sections have it not. Mathews says that Roach[e] has written him an “awful letter” and that he will send me particulars. I have written to Mathews, informing him of the decision of the General Council. | You may remember that on Tuesday evening last Hales[f] again referred to the denial of the Secretar [y] of the Cork Coachmakers. Now I object to that going on the minutes[g] because our Secretary De Morgan[i] inserted advertisemen [ts] in the public newspapers two days after the

denial by the Secretar [y] of the Coachmakers, stating that 80 of them had joined and were their members and offering to him the same. The Secretar [y] of the Coachmakers—a priests man—published the advertisemen [t] without the knowledge or consent of the men. Now as I consider Hales's language most insulting to De Morgan—who is a good officer of our Body and surely worthy of some confidence—I will on an early occasion demand a | withdrawal of the expression by Citizen Hales.

My wife[j] joins me in kindest wishes to you and M[rs] Engels[k]. I hope D[r] Marx is improving in health. I was highly pleased with the proceedings of Tuesday evening last. If a good feeling is to be created between the Irish and English people, Englishmen must speak as our members spoke an Tuesday last.

Always yours faithfully
JP M[c]Donnell

I hope this will reach you in time

Erläuterungen

a) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

b) De Morgan, John Francis (-)

c) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

d) Mathews, (-)

e) Roach, John (-)

f) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

g) Siehe hierzu: The General Council of the First International 1871–1872. Minutes. Moscow [1968][h].

h) Zotero Link für: The General Council of the First International 1871–1872. Minutes. Moscow [1968]

i) De Morgan, John Francis (-)

j) McDonnell, Mary (-)

k) Burns, Lydia (1827-1878)

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