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Dear Citizen

So far as I am concerned I shall leave M[r]Barry[b] alone—I had not given him a definite reply. I shall do so now[.]

I saw Sexton[c] on thursday night with Barry[d] “at The Merchants[e]”. I could not get any private conversation with Sexton, he is very foolish[,] he rushes into anything like a boy[.] In fact he goes up like “a Rocket & comes down like a stick”[.] Sexton has disappointed me very much, he has become a different man since he commenced studying “Table-leg Salvation”.

I intend proposing a vote of censure on him at our next general meeting for not attending at the Federal Council[,] he being our Delegate. | If the International[f] could start a bona-fide-journal of its own I am sure Manchester would raise £ 200 for such a purpose.

Many whom I have been talking to during this last week, decline to have anything to do with “Labour” but will wait for our own journal[.] The “Herald[g]” is very poor, it must either end or mend. –

I shall watch the progress of the Stockbrockers “spec” very closely[.] I will not fail to cronicle all events in connection with it[.]

What made me suspicious of Barry[h] was the following[:]

A few days ago, I receive [d] a note asking me to attend a meeting. I did so. M[r] Barry[i] was there and some of the leading Trades Unionists of Manchester[;] from 11 to 12 men were going one by one till at last there was only four of us in the room. Barry had been drinking | Whiskey rather freely, and spoke a little more than he ought to have done, "Episodes in his life according to either Barry or Whiskey I shall not say which was speaking".

1[st] Has been in America during the oil panic—&c &c.

2[nd] During the Franko-German War, was engaged by a Gent intimately connected with the "Rothschilds[j]["] to purchase Arms &c &c for the French.

Proposed a scheme for raising the Siege of Paris, bought the Guns, Boats[,] had all the men ready but failed to get the £ 100,000 which he wanted for the job. His ~~*expierence*~~ experience made a deep impression upon me. I thought he was either a knave or a fool.

Yours fraternally
E. Jones

Erläuterungen

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

b) Barry, Patrick

c) Sexton, George (-)

d) Barry, Patrick

e) The Merchants' Hotel, Oldham Street, Manchester.

f) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)

g) The International Herald

h) Barry, Patrick

i) Barry, Patrick

j) Rothschild (Familie)

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