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My dear Sir -

I cannot understand why Col. Shepard should say - and therefore think there must be some misunderstanding - that I attributed to you a desire to control everything; for I have not seen or communicated with him since the evening we were all together at Mr Moot's & prior to that I had not had the pleasure of meeting you nor of knowing definitely what your views were. I did make some suggestions prior to our meeting as to the advisability of incorporating in the manner you proposed, solely for the purpose of avoiding personal liability and at the meeting all those present seemed to coincide with me.

It is true that some of your expressed views of management are not in harmony with mine & I so openly stated at our meeting and acting upon an idea of Mr Moot's & for the purpose of enabling you to put your methods to a fair trial I suggested that each of the ten proposed subscribers lend you $100.00 & that if the Basis could be successfully conducted upon your lines for five weeks, they - the proposed subscribers - should then decide whether

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they wished to contribute & incorporate as heretofore discussed - This proposition seemed to meet with the approval of all present - I have had no con=versation with Col. Shepard relative to the manage=ment other than than had at Mr Moore's in your presence.

It is not my desire to be connected with the Basis as in its management, I being perfectly content that any small interest I may take in the enterprise should be entrusted to the present directors, or rather to the persons suggested for that position and I will cheerfully abide by their determination -

I remain, yours very truly
Edward Michael

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