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Sir:

Yours 24<sup>th</sup> instant received,

F. K. Hunt having declined <sup>to act,</sup> the proposed  
submission to F. K. Hunt, M. C. Johnson  
and J. O. Harrison has failed, as the  
submission was to ~~be~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>of them</sup> ~~the~~ ~~three~~ and not ~~two~~  
of the number. Messrs Johnson & Harrison  
are ~~not~~ aware of Mr Hunt's declining

to serve, and hence know that their  
acceptance would be of no avail. So

{ and we take it for granted that we shall have no response from them, certainly no  
favorable response, and will not waste time in waiting for one that they are  
authorized by us to do, either by themselves, or by authorizing them to select  
a third arbitrator.

To meet this contingency we long since  
proposed to you to ~~let~~ <sup>authorize</sup> Messrs Johnson & Harrison  
to go on without Mr Hunt, or if you preferred,  
to let them select the third ~~man~~ <sup>arbitrator</sup>. It  
seems strange that you insist on an  
answer from them, when you are unwilling  
to agree that they shall act unless Mr  
Hunt will act with them, knowing that Mr Hunt  
has positively declined to act.  
So bring this matter to a definite point  
& thus carry out the order of the Board  
we hereby signify our entire willingness  
that M. C. Johnson and J. O. Harrison  
Esqs, shall be at once notified that  
that we are willing for them to go on  
and organize the tribunal by themselves.