

Colonel V. H. Hays to W. Fuller  
(The Monday)

Contract that they were  
willing to give liberally as to  
terms of the scheme, and if  
it was thought that it  
would prosper better without  
them they were ready, upon  
being protected from any  
loss, to retire — or they might  
say, we did not undertake  
this contract as Chas. Brown  
men to assist a great object,  
but we were very prudent  
and far-seeing men of business,  
we had sagacity enough  
to perceive that a large  
surplus would be collected,  
and we were willing to  
give in upon minor terms  
with a view of a final <sup>gain</sup> ~~deal~~.