
FRANK C. LELAND RESIGNS.

Withdraws His Connection with the Famous Leland Giants.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

CHICAGO, Ill.—Frank Leland, manager of the Leland Giants and for several years the owner of that club, resigned from it last week and incorporated a new team, which he will enter the local circuit next year under the name of Leland's Chicago Giants. Up to this year Leland owned the club alone, but the team was sold to a stock company and for several months the former manager has had but little say in the management of the team. "Rube" Foster being the active head. Leland formed the club several years ago when he split up partnership with W. S. Peters,

who owned the Chicago Union Giants with Leland. Leland will endeavor to get a franchise in the Chicago League next year.

Mr. Leland writes us the following in regard to his resignation as president and a member of the board of directors of the Leland Giants Baseball Club:
Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Sire—Since writing you I have resigned as a member of the board of directors and

the presidency of the baseball team known as the Leland Giants, only to take a similar position in a new corporation known as Leland's Chicago Giants Baseball Club, or in short "Chicago Giants." and I have already opened offices at 2551 State street, and my first official business was to sign for the new big colored team the famous boy wonder, Wm. Lindsey, who pitched against the Leland Giants at Kansas City, striking out sixteen men, allowing the Lelands only one hit. In leaving my associates in the Leland Giants I go wishing them nothing but success, but as every one knows in baseball there is nothing but rivalry and as I have worked very hard for my former associates' success and every follower of the national pastime knows that they have had nothing but success under my reign. I am going to put forth my strongest effort to make in my new team the "Chicago Giants" the world's greatest baseball club. I will scour the whole country and pick nothing but the best players, and the best we must have for the new Chicago Giants. It will in all probability be the highest salaried colored baseball club in the world. I am going to make arrangements to have the players report at New Orleans, La., March 15, and there put in two weeks at hard practice, then start a tour of the Southern cities, making such places as Birmingham, Mobile, Memphis, Chattanooga and other cities en route home to Chicago by May 4, when we shall start our Northern campaign and in all probability as a member

of the Chicago League.

Just before closing I would like to comment on Mr. James Smith and his baseball article last week. In one particular remark, when he claimed Walter Ball as being the greatest colored pitcher during the past season, I heartily endorse it, and can frankly say Walter Ball's brilliant work as a fielder and pitcher was practically responsible for the Leland's winning the Chicago League pennant. Thanking you for the space and time that I have taken to announce the coming of my new big team, the Chicago Giants, I am, yours truly

FRANK C. LELAND.

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