

77 George Street,

Edinburgh 2 July 1872

My Dear Sir

I duly received your three letters from
Picton also the box of ores from the different-areas
except No 1 containing the Spectors as which you advise
having sent & which should have been here by this time.
I have written to the L'pool firm who received the first
box, but have no reply.

In your first (printed) Memorandum you
state that the No 1 deposit (Spectors) "is no doubt of
great extent though this remains to be proved by further
"openings"; & if this has been done you will no doubt
be able to answer my cable message of 25th June which
is as follows: "Give length, breadth, depth, & quantity
"of each deposit." Receiving no reply to this I again
telegraphed you last night "Send approximate
"quantity ores" & this morning I have your reply
"Minimum six millions tons." Surely this
cannot be the content of the different-areas or
beds of Iron ore? I take it that it must refer to
area No 1 only; and I trust that you will immediately
an receipt hereof; cable me thus:

"One" (which I shall understand as referring to the Sutherland
river deposit) "minimum six." (You need
not say million, I will understand that, & I shall
also understand that you mean Iron, not ores)
"Two" 10,000 millions " & so on.

no substance
it is

Write back
in your own words
Sirs, have understood. In fact
One three four minimum

If the great Iron Ore bed of No. 2 in the memo. is
40 feet thick & say 100 deep, altho I presume its
depth is indefinite, & it has been traced for 3 miles
then the above would give over 63 Millions cubic feet of
Iron Ore, but as it no doubt extends for a
much greater distance we would be safe in assuming
this as its minimum.

I had hoped to have received something more positive as
regards quantity, without which I find any progress checked,
& I had also hoped to have received something like a section
of the country, or some description of it which would enable
Stratton to form some idea of how it could be worked.
An assertion, no matter how influential the quarter from which
it may emanate, ~~is~~ unaccompanied by illustrative facts
will not aid me in making out any story here.

The assays made here are highly satisfactory.

May I beg that immediately on receipt of this you will
cable me as above giving the approximate quantity
of Iron in each area, or rather, referring to your
original Memorandum, in Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4.

I fear that my message of 25th inst. has not reached
you. In telegraphing, address "Conservative Club London".
His days now, & if I am not in London, the message
is immediately repeated to me from the Club.

Very sincerely yours

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