

Pictou 18th Decr 1872

Principal Dawson
Macgill College Montreal

Dear Sir

Your two favors of 11th Inst. with their Enclosures, have come to hand I hasten to inform you that A. Fraser Downie has a second Right on both Areas 103 & 105. therefore in laying off a mile at Cullins it had better embrace all that may be thought best within these two areas. Our first Rights on them Expire 23rd April. If previous to receiving this you have sent us a sketch of the mile at Cullins inconsistent with the above information you can send us a corrected one.

We have just shewn Holmes your sketch of the first and second square miles to work at Websters. He says he feels certain that one square mile of Area properly laid out will cover all the ore at Websters and he thinks you have not laid down Websters house in the exact position to conform with the Survey run out by his brother James from the River. Of this I

Presume George will be the best judge as I have no doubt he was careful to locate it in accordance with Holmes's survey & Simon Holmes's opinion may be somewhat suppositious. However if you think a Square mile will cover the ore we might take it out under the second right we have over the area which would give us another years authority over the area & time to make an Exact survey. You will observe this view is different from what was expressed in my previous letter but if George is sure that Webster's house is laid down accurately in the Square mile sketched out by you for the first working area and you, being by all means the best judge, adhere to our taking out that first mile, it shall be done.

When the accounts are all in I will endeavor to make a fair statement of them and submit the same to all interested for their decision & have no doubt all will be satisfactorily arranged.

We are just getting Mr. Dickson to work to prepare a transfer of all the properties, to be forwarded to you for presentation to Mr. Prentiss on 31st prox. on demanding from him balance of purchase money.
Our mutual friend Mr. Rob

has been lying dangerously ill and his life still hangs
in the balance altho there is some room to look for his
recovery.

We all unite in cordially wishing
you and yours the Compl^t of the season

Yours Truly
A. Minor

We shall look anxiously for any advice you may receive
of Prentice and his chances to pay up by 31st Prot.

The Exchange for \$50. you refer to was duly recd.

Prunice
Dec 2

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