

New Street Toronto 6th Sept 1839
To James Dawson Esq
Director

Note a. If you think we are wrong in the
considering, please do, for we
have much business on your side
of the house in our own

Dear Sir
Your esteemed letter of 17th July reached us a
week ago, having been sent by the Forwarders in advance of
the Frigate - And yesterday the Frigate itself I am happy to inform you
was safely received - Every article of the Contents in excellent order
and exact as described in the List, which you were kind enough
to take - I am as you desire, a detailed receipt, which will
cancel that furnished by you to Mr Mackenzie -

Mr Rankin is of course much gratified with so many remem-
brances of her departed Sister & so many well preserved Family Relics
And we are both very sensible of the value of your good offices in the
matter - for which our best thanks are but a poor return.

Indeed as you apprehend, every thing of Furniture
and all the implements about the Farm at Belleville, are going
to wreck & decay, the loss will be serious - but what can be done,
I can easily understand that your friendly & disinterested Offices
towards us may have led to collision with other parties, which
must be unpleasant, and which in justice to yourself you should
avoid - we therefore cannot expect either yourself or Mr Ross to
act for us any longer under the Power of Attorney - I add it that
under these Circumstances, our best alternative would be to employ
Professional Agency - The difficulties however that present
themselves to me, on this subject, at such a distance, are - 1st

1st - Whether, indeed, there is sufficient interest & now at stake in the way of moveable farm property & stock or household furniture or stock, after all dilapidations, to warrant expenses being incurred in legal proceedings for its recovery or realization?

2^d What course Mrs Demours Executors incline to adopt if her will be opposed in a Court by the heirs of Mr D. as I take it for granted that they are at present prevented by some process or injunction, from proceeding in the settlement of the estate in their capacity of Executors.

I feel much obliged by your naming the respectable firm of Mess^{rs} W. & G. Young of Stratford, as professional men who would do us every justice, & would certainly avail myself of your recommendation of these gentlemen, were we disposed or compelled to resort to such a measure; but we are very desirous to avoid litigation & must therefore I suppose for the present, await the proceedings of the Executors in regard to their trust. ^(See note)
^(I expect Mr. Young will write us & ask him)
It is with deep regret, but with grateful recognition of your reasons that we relinquish your own & Mr Ross's valuable representation of our Interests - but we hope we may still look for the continuance of that friendly correspondence by letter with yourself which has so long subsisted & was a source of much satisfaction to us, before we imposed on you the task of an unpleasant function - Offer our kind thanks also to Mr Ross & our earnest hopes for his welfare - Was he settled down like a

good happy Benedict yet on his West River Estate? -
 I must now conclude for the present with Mrs Ranken's
 joint regards & good wishes to Mrs Dawson, yourself &
 all your family - And remain with esteem
 your much obliged friend
 Thomas Ranken

Give our kind respects to
 Mr & Mrs Mackenzie & tell
 them that we have rec^d every thing
 P.S. Please make note of Postages & other little incidental
 Charges which you may have incurred or be incurring on my a/c.

- Received at Toronto 3rd Sept 1839 - a Trunk & A
 despatched by a Drags by James Dawson Esq of Pictou
 contents as follows -
- 1 Gold Watch
 - 1 Silver Tea Pot
 - 1 Silver wine Dress
 - 1 Shuff, Box & Tippet
 - 1 miniature portrait -
 - 1 Collar, 3 Silk dresses
 - 1 New Silk Cloak & Cape
 - 16 yds Finest Silk
 - 1 Black Lace Beil
 - 1 white figured Shawl - 1 scarf
 - One Irish Cur. N^o 2 Cont^y
 - 2 Gold Broaches, 1 Silver Do.
 - 1 Buck seal Ring - 3 Cut hobbles
 - One Case N^o 2 Cont^y
 - 1 pair Silver shoe buckles
 - 1 1/2 pair Silver shoe buttons
 - 3 Broaches - 1 Silver Caddy Spoon
 - 1 pair Ear drops - 1 Silver tooth pick
 - 1 pair Bracelets
 - 1 pair Earrings
 - 1 Watch Key
 - 2 Coal Scovelles
 - 1 pair Bonnet case
 - 5 Aprons - 6 pillow Cases - 2 night Gowns
 - 2 pair Silk stockings - 3 shawl dresses
 - 6 Shirts - 2 Handkerchiefs - 2 Slips - 6 Towels - 1 Pocket book
 - 2 Silk Cloths - 1 Trencher - 1 Black Embroidered gown
 - 3 drops Caps - 7 Paper as for and
- For Bell's plan keep

Thanks for your note of disposal of 1838 - It is indeed
a woeful instance of property driving without a Pilot. J.H.B.

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James Dawson Esq
Merchant Store
Nova Scotia
via Halifax -

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