



Pictou 2<sup>d</sup> July 1860.

James Dawson Esq

Dear Sir

I enclose you  
acct to date balance in your  
favor 7/10 after charging you  
our Drapton Merchants Bank  
for \$90 herein. You will see  
we have been ~~paid~~ paid for  
Mr McKernies rent and Glovers  
rent to 19<sup>th</sup> June. Collins  
who had the upper half of the  
old house East End cleared  
out sometime ago - we were  
unable to get anything from  
him - We have recently rented  
it to John Roach at \$8 he  
is a son of Pat Roach <sup>Truckman</sup>  
for Will<sup>m</sup> Jones. I think his rent  
will be all safe he pays  
the same as Mr. McKernies  
for the other End. I tried  
all I could to rent the slip  
but without success -

McKail has paid his  
balance to 4.4.1 I had the  
interest calculated exactly  
McKilay sent us four  
Harmou coins + 7/6 - We shall  
try to sell the Harmouens  
as soon as we can. Sterns  
has paid his interest as you  
will see by the acct. I can  
say nothing about the sons  
responsibility and his own is  
materially affected by the  
mortgage on his property - no  
doubt he considers his property  
more valuable than any one  
else does. I think you should  
get your payment by small  
instalments say to 50 at a  
time as insisting on large  
payments might endanger  
the remainder. Mr Aogo says  
he will pay before long but  
he is very slow -

4380  
We spend a similar Scale by Capt. Darius for going to the straggle type  
could get  
You will have heard of our  
gold digging. I do not know  
whether William is acquainted  
with the locality - it is at Sangier  
River or stream / near Street Harbor  
I have seen some of the samples  
some has been taken from the bed  
of the stream but it is chiefly  
found in quartz rock of which  
there is said to be a ridge several  
miles long - the quartz is not  
white but mixed color between  
pink and lilac and appears as  
it had been in a solution of iron  
the gold occurs in it in cubular  
and irregular pieces sometimes  
assuming the appearance of melted  
drops. We expect a regular stamp  
for the mines. while we wait a  
wagon load of adventures passes  
the door - merry with the prospect  
of gold ahead - it is feared the  
Coal mines and other Establish-  
ments will be in some measure  
if not altogether deserted as there  
is a perfect fever getting up -

Some of the New Glasgow folks  
have shut their shops and are  
away - it is not likely however  
that much can be done until  
crushing mills can be got ready  
and whether it will pay for that  
process is not yet ascertained.

A Scotch Kirk clergyman here  
at Synod has a lump of the pure  
gold weighing, they say, 1.03.

Our Synod and the Free  
Church Synod met in Prince  
Street Church last week in  
friendly conference & agreed to  
Communate a Union at Pitou  
on 4<sup>th</sup> October. It is said there  
is a movement in the Scotch  
Kirk favorable to joining ~~with~~  
the Union. The Free Church  
sent their Basis to the Kirk  
asking their earnest attention  
to and approval of it. So you  
see better days in prospect for  
the peace of Pitou. With kindest  
regards from  
James Finmore