

S. Johns June 17. 1810

Dear Sir

I received two days ago by a sailing vessel from Cuba a letter of the 29. May from your Father mentioning your absence in the States & your probable return about this time. In compliance with his suggestion I send you the whole of the specimen of the copper ore weighing some 2 or 3 lbs. from which you will be better able to estimate its properties & value. Since I sent you the small piece in my letter, I have seen in the possession of the gentleman referred to by me (the Am

C. F. Bennett) a splendid  
specimen of the same descrip-  
tion with the accompanying  
one, and weighing between  
70 + 80 lbs - I give below  
a sketch of the figure of it,  
which is exceedingly irregular  
in its shape - flattened, sharp  
in some of its edges & blunt  
in others - its greatest thick-  
ness being not more than  
 $3\frac{1}{2}$  or 4 inches - Here &  
there, small portions of  
quartz are imbedded in it  
& a very minute particle  
or two of what I fancy to be  
mica - there are many  
dents or honeycombs in parts  
of the surface, in which the  
point of ones firepaper c?

be placed, as if particles of  
rock had been washed out by  
the action of the water - Its  
appearance in all other  
respects is similar ~~with~~ <sup>to</sup> that  
which I send you - It was  
from this latter piece that  
I broke off the small bit which  
I enclosed in my letter - You  
will see the mark of the cut  
of an axe on one side of the  
accompanying junk - From  
this was separated some  
months <sup>as I am informed</sup> since, a portion which  
I now leave -

The large specimen which  
I have described was found  
on the beach just above high  
water mark, at the foot of  
a cliff some 150 feet high

of what is described as a  
red sandstone - as to the  
locality from whence the  
two specimens came (for  
the one I now send you was  
found close beside, if indeed  
it was not once apart of  
the other), if you will  
direct your attention to  
the western shore of Placentia  
Bay - as described on a  
good chart of Newfoundland,  
- Sikes's is too meagre -

You will see near the mouth  
of Paradise Sound, a small  
bay called Gallows Harbour  
& a Cape Roger at the mouth  
of it - so far as I can learn,  
the one was found very near  
this Cape Roger - You will

perceive on reference to Peter,  
Walt, that he did not visit  
this part of the island, but  
describes it as of igneous for-  
mation - Not being anything  
of a geologist or mineralogist  
I fear I can give you no further  
or better description of the  
rocks there or elsewhere -

It is reported, that in the  
face of this red cliff are  
to be seen dark streaks or  
veins corresponding with the  
appearance of the large speci-  
men - and parts of which  
streaks are of a light red  
color - This report remains  
yet to be verified - in a few  
days Mr Bennett will

proceed to examine the  
localité himself - He has  
a large fishing & Commer-  
cial establishment in that  
quarter and has obtained  
a Lease from the Crown of all  
the Minerals <sup>on the tract lying</sup> between Antenne  
& Placentia Days North of  
a line drawn from Mortier  
to Grand Bank - and if the  
indications of the existence  
of Copper are fairly represented  
by the specimen he now has,  
he will commence mining  
at once -

It is singular that while  
the French in former times  
have given names apropos  
with the existence of minerals

to parts of N. Scotia, viz. Macentia  
& Antenne Bays their women  
claim, likewise evidences  
or appears to evince their  
knowledge of the existence of  
Minerals in the shores of the  
Bays in question in which  
you will find Saie de  
L'argent - and Tasse de  
l'argent (ridiculously enough  
called tosselo John or more  
commonly Tosselo - the deri-  
vation of which wd I think  
<sup>have</sup> puzzled Dr Parr himself).

Will you have the good  
help as early as possible to  
analyze a portion of the  
Specimen & acquaint me  
w<sup>th</sup> Bennetts information  
of the ingredients - and if

from the imperfect description  
of the locality which I give,  
You can offer any limits as  
to what wd be the most defi-  
nite mode for going to work.  
or information as <sup>to</sup> searching  
for & proving the main code,  
they will be most acceptable  
to Mr Bennett. I ought not  
to inflict so troublesome a  
task upon you, but that  
I know you take a deep  
interest in mineralogical  
researches. At the same time  
You will be so good as to  
consider your analysis of  
the ore as made profession-  
ally - your fee for which  
shall be forwarded to you  
so soon as I hear from



Yrs again - The specimen  
of the ore now sent, you  
will please keep -

From all I have heard  
of this locale, I sh<sup>d</sup> think  
the ore (doubtless pure in  
quality) may be worked  
much as the ore from the  
Parys Mountain in Angle-  
sea - if there be sufficient of  
it in quantity - of which you  
may probably be able to  
form some judgment from  
the details I have given you -  
If so W Bennett - who is one  
of our most enterprising  
merchants & well deserves  
success - will turn it to

good account - But copper  
mining is so precarious &  
requires the command of so  
much capital that he  
will not venture to work his  
Lease upon uncertainties -

I have just heard from  
My Brother Charles who is  
fairly at work again at  
the great Village Mine - He  
has certainly no lack of  
energy - and if great activity  
& perseverance will command  
success, I doubt not he  
will have some of our  
Acadian ore converted into  
steel iron at great Village  
before the close of the year -  
I congratulate you on

Your appointment to  
the office, in the duties of  
which you have been enga-  
ged during your tour in  
the States - I fear it will  
defeat hopes which I have  
entertained for some months  
past of inducing you to  
visit the Island during the  
present summer - I purpose  
D.V. visiting N. S. next  
month or in August -

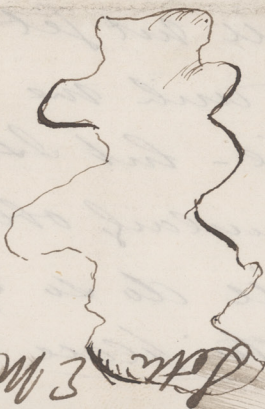
You will not get this  
in time to reach me by the  
next mail - but I shall  
feel particularly obliged  
if you will do so by the  
mail for this place which

will leave Halifax on  
Thursday ~~with~~ the 11.<sup>th</sup>  
July - as Mr Bennett has  
an intention of proceeding  
to England shortly after  
that period -

I am very dear Sir  
Yours very truly

Edm Aulicall

J. W. Dawson Esq



Dotter & MacArthur

This is something  
similar to the outline  
of Mr Bennett's large  
specimen -