

Truro August 2. 1850

Dear Sir,

I arrived at N. from  
N. on Sunday morning and  
we have addressed you earlier  
but could not ascertain in what  
part of the Province you were  
I sent to you from S. by  
the Isabella a large specimen of  
the Copper ore. Shortly after writing  
you Mr. Bennett succeeded to  
examine the spot from whence  
the large specimen in his possession  
was brought - taking with  
him the man who discovered it.  
He found the spot, situated at  
Shepue mentioned to you at  
Cape Roger, near Fallows Harbour  
in Placentia Bay - Instead however  
of a precipitous cliff, there was

a steep one which c.<sup>d</sup> be ascended  
by holding on to bushes & tufts. There  
is evidently a landslide or fall  
of a large mass of the rock forming  
(in all about 150 feet high)  
the cliff many years ago - It was  
just under the outer edge of this  
fallen ~~rock~~ mass of rock (now  
covered with vegetable mould & tufts)  
that the copper was found - Mr. B.  
had not time or means at hand  
to make any excavations, but he  
took off & brought with him portions  
of the rock in which the copper had  
been imbedded as also of the cir-  
cumjacent rocks - Specimens of  
these I have bought with me, &  
am desirous of forwarding them  
to you - I shall probably send  
them on by the Coach on Saturday -  
I know nothing of Mineralogy

It wd be unsafe to venture  
upon naming them - but the  
rocks in which they are lay appear to  
be porphyry - near which is slate,  
& conglomerate, with quartz - ~~And~~  
B also brought with him some  
specimens of Copper ore (I think  
there are well ore) lying close to  
where the metal was found. <sup>there are numerous indications of this ore</sup>

From the reports of parties who  
may be relied on, this same  
vein of Copper shows itself  
else West, in Futuna Bay.

I was desirous of meeting  
you to purpose on the part of  
Mr Bennett, which I am author-  
ized to do, that you should go to  
Newfoundland and spend what  
time you wd devote to it - if  
but ten days or a fortnight - in



Making a Mineralogical survey  
of the place in question & surrounding  
Country - If you could make  
your arrangements to come in  
September, which wd be a con-  
venient time, you wd be  
able to accomplish all that is  
at present necessary during  
an absence of only 23 days from  
Resolia - I presume you wd  
be able to obtain leave of absence  
for so short a period, and I  
shall feel obliged if you will  
communicate with me (at St. Louis  
until the 15<sup>th</sup> inst) & forward it  
as speedily as you can  
upon this subject - accompanying me  
also what compensation, in  
addition to your expenses of going  
staying & returning, you will  
require - I am now in the



Upper surface of a flattened  
specimen - about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
natural size - the  
black spots are scars  
each of which is  
the end of a small  
cylinder of iron  
pyrites - supposed  
to be seed shells