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Dear Sir:

When in Cape Breton
I think you visited the property of Messrs
Brookman & Moseley on which a Seam
of Coal called the "Gardener Seam" had
been discovered - Concerning which
we had some conversation, and you
did me the favor to peruse some
papers written by Mr. Moseley in relation
to this Seam - A Railroad has been
built which crosses this Coal Area &
an excellent Shipping Wharf erected -
Messrs Brookman & Moseley have secured
the rights for transporting and shipping
the Coal raised from the Gardner Area
over this Railway - Consequently the Mine

can be equipped at a very moderate
Cost - I and some friends are moving
with a view to accomplish this end -
and the object of the present is to ask
if you can do me the favor to give me
your opinion in writing as to the
quality of the Coal in the Gardner seam
provided you took samples or notes to
enable you so to do - I wrote for specimens
but the seam was not worked last winter
and all the workings are full of water
and they cannot conveniently see
them then from at present moment -
They are now busy sinking a shaft
for permanent operations - it will
however be some time ere they strike
the Coal - My want just now is
evidence of quality - I have seen the
Coal and my opinion is favorable
and being regarded as an interested
party I want independent & impartial
evidence - which if you can supply
will confer a great favor on

Yours Very respectfully,
Joseph B. Wood,

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