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Caledonia Mine
Little Glau Bay of Breton
21 Decr 1841

My dear Sir

I was much pleased to receive a few days ago your Catalogue of the Devonian fossil Flora: the plates are beautifully executed, and will be a great assistance in identifying fossils that may be found hereafter.

I have read your report with much interest, and I was struck with your views about Newfoundland. It is a country little known; and from the fossils I saw which came from the neighbourhood of George's Bay, I should expect that some

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interesting discoveries may be
made along that coast to the
northward.

I was disappointed that I
did not see you when you
visited Cape Breton; for I
should have liked to have drawn
your attention to some of the
specimens that I have collected.
I hope before long a geological
survey made of this district,
as in my own mind I am not
satisfied that the seams in the
several bays have been identified
either by the similarity of the
fossils, or the characteristic

qualities as burning Coals.

A number of new Collieries are being opened inland between Sydney and Glass Bay; a railroad made to tap them all and to be continued to Schooner Pond, which will show important sections along the line. In going round Cape Grey opposite Flint Island, my son observed two Faults but had not time to prove their extent; and which I do not think W. Symon has noticed, and they would no doubt materially affect the tracing of the Coal Bay and Schooner Pond seams, and the correct

connection of seams on the two sides
of the anticlinal. I have a skeleton
map of this district, with numerous
points marked, shewing Coal seams
with dips and strikes, which I shall
be glad to shew to any of your
geological party who may visit
Cape Breton, and may wish to
see it. Our Coal Trade has been
dull from a scarcity of vessels;
but if the American duty be
reduced this session, I hope we
may do better for the time to come.

Wishing you the Compl^{ts} of the
season I am, My dear Sir

Yours sincerely
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