

Private

Pictou 8th April 1842

My dear Sir

I duly rec^d your favor of 24th Ult. and your tel. of 4th Inst "letter received secure Area south of Six. particulars by mail". I immediately sent to Halifax to secure the area referred to but have had no reply yet nor has there been time to receive one yet. Mr. Ross has called on leaving for Montreal to ask if we had any letters to send and I take the opp^y to enclose copies of two letters rec^d lately from Mr. Moore. He was offered the Exploration of Merizonish ore last Fall for \$20,000 and 6 months from 1st May provided all parties agreed and was told all but Mr. McKay had agreed and the offer was defeated by his non-agreement. You will see by his letters he still expects to get the offer altho it certainly is not binding on us to give it. We scarcely however think it would be fair to him to shut him off altogether and we might offer him as you propose a modification to 3 months instead of 6.

The reason I asked you not to mention the East River Areas to Mr. Rops is because he forced himself upon us to get an interest in the Merigomish ore in a way we cannot forget. The Localities now being secured for yourself - McKay & ourselves we do not care to extend the Copartnership and therefore have no object in concealing the matter and have named it to Mr. Rops but think you should be reticent in communicating your opinions to him respecting the situ of the ore as we think it possible he will be trying perhaps with other parties to get up claims ~~for~~ in the vicinity. We would not have mentioned the subject to him at all had we not been sure that he would learn all about it from Mr. McKay. Should we not get the last area applied for. South of S.O.C. we will telegraph you otherwise you may consider it secured. It is likely Second Rights may be applied for soon for some of our Areas by others & if so we will have to select our mile the coming Summer. We could secure Second Rights if thought necessary. if applied for in time
Yours Truly
Howard Primrose

27th
June