

Barlotta Confidential

Pictou 22<sup>d</sup> July 1842.

My dear Sir

I have rec<sup>d</sup> your tel.<sup>s</sup> of 18<sup>th</sup> and 24 of 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. I wish very much you had been able to come to Pictou when I telegraphed as by the aid of Mr S. H. Holmes and Mr Copeland we have discovered that a mile or two East of Websters the ore appears on the Wentworth Grant on which there was no reservation of iron. The ore discovered by Donald Fraser on Sutherlands River is on the Wentworth Grant. On the rec<sup>t</sup>. of your tel: to cover all Frasers discoveries we took a new area South Easterly from Websters but extending a mile further to the East than the adjoining one but fear that anything found on it will be on the Wentworth Grant. On discover-  
-ing that iron was not reserved on it we formed a new Co<sup>y</sup> say. Yourself - Holmes - Copeland - our firm to try and purchase from the proprietors the right to any iron on their properties, in the same way as we did at Merigonish and Holmes Copeland went to Websters on Saturday for the purpose of trying



to purchase but they could not find Donald Fraser to point out the one he being in the woods engaged prospecting for us on the four claims under your letter of instructions and they had to return home without being able to do anything.

Holmes, is summoned by the Govt. to be in Halifax on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Inst. to attend an investigation as to the title to the square mile which Carrichael disputes about. Holmes has been of the utmost service in getting the lines established and we could not afford to leave him out of the speculation on the Wentworth Grant. Copeland is agent for the Estate of Wentworth and knows all the people on it. We thought four partners were quite a sufficient number and had to leave Mr. McKay out.

Donald Fraser has just been here reporting verbally. He has not been able to trace the ore from Hudsons area northerly and Easterly in the direction dotted out by you but has found the containing rock



and says it takes a sudden twist to the Eastward after leaving Hudsons Area. He says he has travelled very much over the ground covered by our licenses and will have a Plan and Report ready for you by the time you come down. We have ordered him to go and trace the ore to French River or as far as he can find it and to mark down the Farms it passes through. On getting these and the names of the proprietors we will be ready to attempt negotiations.

This business will be entirely apart from any thing offered to Prentice and for the benefit of the four parties named. We view it as of very great importance provided it can be accomplished before Prentice's arrival on the ground - it may be difficult afterwards. If you were here now there would be a likelihood of something good being done. When is your vacation up. We are afraid you may be pushed for time.

We have made enquiry about the missing Box of ore but as yet have got no explanation respecting it. I musting to see you soon.

Yours truly  
Howard Drummond

Fishwick's Colonial Express agent here has just told us that their agent acknowledges receipt of the Box of ore at Liverpool and that he has forwarded it to London.

to Mr. Prentice

To the Hon. Secy of the  
Treasury  
J. H. P.

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