

"Falmouth"

Pictou 1st Oct 1842.

My dear Sir

Your favors of 24th & 25th

Sept. are duly rec^d. the latter enc^{los}
-closing mem^o: of ^{proposed} additional agree-
-ment with Prentices. We have
already informed you and also Mr.
McKay that any outside arrange-
-ment about the Fraser area would
almost certainly injure and perhaps
destroy our title to it. If that were
not so there would be no objection
here to adopt your views as to a reser-
-vation of the royalty with sufficient
guards that the ore should be worked
not colorably but Effectually. It is
possible we may lose it altogether
but it would be suicidal to take
any step now which would be
sure to aid in that result.

I am sorry that you &
Mr. McKay should have signed the
paper embracing the paragraph
relating to the Fraser ore as Mr.

Prentice is such a strange man to deal with it may be difficult to get him to consent to act prudently in this matter. The parties pushing Fraser on in this matter are looking for a large thing for themselves and are likely to push it to the utmost. Our interference to try to compromise with Fraser about the purchase of this land could only do harm.

As to Area 108 I have no doubt some satisfactory arrangement may be made to remove that difficulty out of the way.

I hope you have not completed an arrangement with Mr. Prentice, embracing clauses, which cannot be ratified. The papers formerly drawn up with him at Montreal were loose and indefinite and that makes us more anxious that the final agreement should be drawn up here. We wrote you yesterday & telegraphed you today which you will doubtless have received.

Yours Truly
Howard Finmore

Principal Dawson

