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Dear Sir

Thanks for your note
of 5th inst. - I fear the material I
sent you is valuable. I will send another
to my George when he returns. I saw
him on Sunday & to day. he is well
looking well. Our door opinion
agrees with him. I have only a
limited time for the sale of the area
at Port Hood. In getting the property
for £3500 Mr. Molson must be
satisfied with a rough estimate of
its value. You will see if it was
demonstrated to be a good six & an
8 foot beam & one beam above the
8 foot. of course he could not
hope to get it for any such sum
- It appears to me if George can
go there all he can do is to test
the six foot beam & get such infor-
mation respecting the 8 foot beam
as he can - looking at the Island
& determining if there are any un-
-reported difficulties there

I know nothing personally of the
property value of all the informa-
tion I have in from others - the
harbour is not as good as it once
was but it is a perfectly safe
harbour - Mr Molson learns this
from the Coasting Pilot a book
published for the direction of
mariners & with all winds & kinds
of vessels can lay in safety near
the Hecla of Smith's Island - If
the coal could be tapped there at
a moderate distance there is the
place to ship from - Mr Lawson says
he has examined the seam under
the tide when covered with water
he measured as he says six feet
by the steps exposed without knowing
he was at the bottom - If the work
of mining was commenced in
Smith's Island do you think even
at a depth of ~~200~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~men~~ ^{of 9 or 100}
feet there would be danger
of more water fall ^{of 1000} than if
it was worked under the dry

And - Mr. Molson must be content
to take many things for ^{such a purchase} ~~glam~~ ⁱⁿ
in getting a property of such promise
for so small a ^{sum} - Whose four foot
beam in the neighbourhood of such
a village ought to be worth double
what is asked for it - Your son
will try & visit the property before
he comes us out after his part
Mr. Molson's action must be prudent
for there are other parties who
are negotiating or wishing to nego-
-ciate for the property - I should
be sorry to see Mr. Molson's money
unless he got more than value
for his money - You do not say
who in your note of the 5th inst
who is asking "if your son can
go to explore Port Hood" - I pre-
sume it must be Mr. Molson
it was with ^{him} he should go
yours truly
A. S. Hop

I will know on Saturday what
your son determines to do

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