

Pictou 5th Decr 1842

My dear Sir

We duly rec^d your favor of 13th Ult. and also from George 26th Ult.

I have been so busy that I had to postpone answering promptly. After our last interview with Prentice we lost confidence in him and in his ability to carry out his contract but shall be agreeably disappointed if he does so. We must be prepared to tender him Deeds of the properties named in the schedule on the 31st January as otherwise he may ask for damages and lead us into trouble. If he is not prepared to pay us at that date we must get rid of him and his offer otherwise our Government Rights will be running out before we can place them with others. At the request of parties here we place a positive injunction on you and Mr McKay against extending the time one day longer without first getting the consent of parties here and they will not consent unless under a positive assurance that the money will be paid soon after and \$20,000 paid in to be forfeited in case of failure.

J. W. Fraser has commenced a suit against me for the recovery of his farm or rather the iron on it. The parties interested in the defence and issue of said suit are Primrose Bro^s yourself - Holmes and Copeland - one fourth each. In case Fraser should recover it would be well for the Montreal Company that is yourself McKay & us / one third each / to secure an area at Websters

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We took the County Map and laid down the four areas towards Glasgow, on it the centre line of which being Glasgow Station and McDonald's Weavers at the East River which leaves Cullins South of the four areas, considerably so. We then at once took out a new Area in names of Primrose Mrs. you son George and Mr Holmes as per sketch enclosed and taking 1st 2nd & 3rd Rights. the 2nd one being in George name. We spoke to George when here about there being work for him in this County for some time and we put him in out of regard for you and for him as we considered the area from Fraser's Reports, & especially as it is situated very near the Railway & be very valuable. George will have one third interest in it but with the perfect understanding that on no account is it to be offered to Prentice. It was discovered as related herein and it was not taken out a day too soon as a Mr Lather went to town to secure it found he was a day too late. Carmichael went afterwards & is much annoyed about being before him. We have paid for the 3 Rights but we have not yet got the license to search. Mr Carmichael said it would not be issued until after a meeting of the Council but he said it would be all right. The limonite we hear appears south westerly along from Cullins and the Nova Scotia Coal Coy (French's) have taken two additional Areas running in that direction. Donald Fraser has told Holmes that there is an immense deposit of specular ore on 113 and that it is highly magnetic interfering with the Compass whenever the vicinity of the ore is reached. He also states that there are large Boulders of limonite on 113 that no doubt it exists there in place, so you see there is likely to be ore enough for all comers. If Prentice fails to fulfil his agreement I think it will be hard to get parties here to give up their rights to the \$10,000 provided they have a legal right to that sum. We will do all we can to keep you out of trouble but we have some hard customers to deal with here.

We believe the new Glasgow clique have taken charge of J.M. Fraser's matter to try to get the iron on his farms for themselves and think they consist of Mr Carmichael, J.D.M. Gregor (son of late Ross) Jeff. McCall & J.M. Jackson. They are a precious lot. They tried to take away two thirds of French's mine but were defeated in the Supreme Court and we have no doubt they will endeavor to cut us out of all they can and they have the ear of the Government but the Supreme Court stands behind the Govt to see fair play. Carmichael told Prentice our Ring was the old Mining Association Monopoly over again & that we ought to be broken up. I enclose mem^o of accounts paid by us for the consideration of yourself & Mr McMay. You will observe we make no charge for our own services.

of one square mile of the best there and we depend on you and George altogether for a description of this mile to take out the license to work by. Of course this will go to Prentice if he succeeds. If Frasers were not in litigation we might have deferred taking this for another year as if Frasers had been secure one mile well selected might have been thought sufficient at Webster's but we must be prepared now to take a mile at the expiry of the first Right of Search. There being three Rights on each of the three Areas 49. 45 & 42 we suppose it will not be necessary to take any Rights to work on any of them when the first Rights of Search on them Expire especially as they have not yet been sufficiently Examined.

Area 108 comes next but the first right on it does not expire until 1st June 1873. 46. also Expires on June 5th 1873 and will require to be looked at previous to them. We now come to the Glenary Areas which Expire in April and May 1873. and before going into particulars with them I may here remark that one of the Grand Jurors called on my father during the sitting of the Supreme Court here last ~~Nov~~ October & showed him a specimen of Limonite which he said was to be found in place on the farm of one Cullins. We did not know where Cullins farm was but we showed the specimen to Fraser and gave him the Grand Jurors name (Fraser also). One Fraser went and saw his namesake who took him to the place & Fraser reports us ~~as follows~~ per Copy of his letter enclosed under date of 12th Nov. also his sketch referred to.

We have ordered Holmes the Surveyor to run the line from McDonald Mevens to Glengarry Station to locate Corriethy Cullens Furrow as there may be an error in the County Map & Cullens may be in areas 103 or 105. It is all important to know without fail where Cullens is. Fraser has also been directed to search 80° 103 & 105 as soon as possible to see if there be anything worth taking up on them but he has been sick from exposure during the wet weather & we have not heard that he has done anything.

As soon as Holmes ascertains the focus of Cullens Furrow we will let you know. We think in case of Prentice's failure we had better break up into Companies as interested. It is hard to manage so many different interests in one, some of the parties being head strong. We send you by parcel post 3 specimens of Simonite Specular from 113 - the latter over 60 feet in width - mixed in some places with rock / also limonite from Cullens

Mantle to George for the Seed.

If your Montreal Capitalists should be at all disposed to go into iron we think we could furnish them with as much as they could desire.

We do not like to urge advice but think unless George has something very good in view for next season he should be early on the ground in Pictou. As an Encouragement in this direction we put him down for a third of the Cullen area and we expect it will repay for a careful Examination Especially as we have 3 years of it & may take 3 square miles if desirable.

Excuse this Extended Epistle I hope not to get so far behind and have to cover so much ground again.

Telegraph us when you hear anything of importance from Prentiss Holmes is withalifet preparing our pleas for the Fraser suit which may come off at next sitting of Sup Court at Hx in January.

With our united kind regards.

Yours Truly

Principal Dawson

Howard Purvis

Please give us your opinion of the 5000 acres suit here with Prentice has nothing to do with it. It is held by the Peabody Company.

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