

Pictou 16th April 1873

My Dear Sir

I duly rec^d your letter of 3rd Inst. and immediately applied to Mr Carnan for the Plan but it has not yet come to hand.

I last evening rec^d a letter from Mr. M. Kay enclosing one from Mr. Abbott stating that he believed Sir Hugh Allen could dispose of our iron interests at once for £50,000 net. and advising a cable being sent authorizing him to sell; to be followed by a power of attorney. We had a meeting and telegraphed result to Mr. M. Kay. I have just written a long letter to him on the subject asking him to show it to you and to act in concert with you. I need not repeat, as you will see the letter. It appears to me

that the chief matter requiring careful attention is to devise the best means of getting rid of Prentice and in this you will require the best legal advice so as not to commit the Company farther than necessary but he must be got rid of. He will, in all probability, give any amount of trouble but we do not fear the result unless we give him a fresh opportunity in the negotiations for getting out of his hands. We leave this matter with you Mr McKay and you must just do the best you can for all concerned.

I hope you will make no personal sacrifice of yours or our interest in this matter. If we succeed with Sir Hugh you will come out very well. I advise you to hold on to your interest

to the End. You will see what we have said
to McKay about the J. M. Fraser one, it need not
be named at all to Sir Hugh, as it might lead
to difficulty hereafter. We have been keeping all
the rights alive and have applied for the Mule to
Worke at Cullens as per your sketch. Hope soon to
hear that the business is in Sir Hugh's hands..
That you have got rid of Prentice in some way

We are glad to hear of George's Appoint-
ment which we trust will be advantageous and
agreeable to him with kind regards to you all

I remain Yours Truly

D. Dawson

Howard P. Dawson

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