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Dear Papa

Since I wrote last - my plans  
have been somewhat changed whether  
for the better or not I hardly know  
I have promised to go to N. Scotia  
with Mr Giles who is going out  
to examine iron ores ~~near~~ near Pictou  
with the intention of choosing a suitable  
place for establishing iron smelting.  
I don't know whether it is the same  
concern with which I practice is  
connected or not. Mr Giles wrote  
to Dr Percy for someone to accompany  
him to examine & assay the ores. Dr P  
was kind enough to recommend me



Mr. Giles promised to pay the passage  
of a man out & back & a few

£20. As I would remain in

Canada after having completed the business

I am to have an equivalent for the

homeward passage as well. I thought

it a very good chance to "work my

passage" & it may also lead to

something further. I will have to sail

from L. Pool on the 18<sup>th</sup> with

Mr. Giles, & may be occupied a week

or two in N. Scotia. I have arranged

to take the samples of ore to Montreal

to assay, & will order such apparatus

& chemicals as will be necessary &

send them on.

I don't quite know whether I have done  
right or not in accepting this but



it seemed so well to suit, that  
it seemed better not to throw away the  
chance. It will make me a week  
or two later in getting home this is the  
greatest care I must try & push up  
the N. Scotian part of the business as soon  
as possible. It will necessitate  
sending off the heavier part of my  
baggage direct to Montreal by the  
London line. I am sorry down into  
the city to see about this today.

As I have a week to spare before  
sailing I will probably go & see some  
mining before sailing for a day or two.

Yantruley has got a place under  
Simmons at Sheffield. He is to be  
Chemist to an iron work there &  
will probably accompany me as  
mining will now be also in his line.



Please excuse this last & Business  
like letter. If you can tell me  
anything about the district where  
I am going, or give me any hints  
I should feel much obliged. I should  
think the best way would be to send  
the letter to Picton & let it wait  
my arrival.

I will write again in a day or two  
by Cunard or some intermediate  
line. I am excessively busy now  
trying to get packed up. Calls made &  
& hope to finish by the end of this week.

I hope you will approve of the action I have  
taken on my own responsibility. The  
pay will not be very much but more  
to me than to anyone else as my  
passage-money will also be saved, & it  
may be very well as a beginning  
your loving son George