

Hopewell Lower Cape
October 29th 1877

Dear Sir

your favour of September 24th
inst duly received & contents noted
I beg to be excused for not
replying at an earlier date. the
reason was two fold. the first I had
my crops to attend to. & second there
was a Party here from the states
to make arrangements for starting
a brick yard on my Property
which occupied all my spare time
I should have been most
happy to comply with Mr Selwyns
request & prepared a block of
gypsum for the Paris exhibition
but my time will be wholly
occupied this fall & winter in
preparing brick yard &c for
next Spring's operations
I am very anxious to see

the resources of our Country brought
into a marketable state because
Such is the Main Pillars upon
which to build up a Countries
greatness

I mail to you a small Piece
of Mineral with this letter which
I found on my Property.
it is in a vein. as to its
Commercial Value I know but
little of. I suppose it to be Iron
Mixed with Manganese. It
I find it Magnetick. I would
be Pleased to have your opinion
upon it

I Remain

yours truly

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Re. gypsum for
Paris Exhibition