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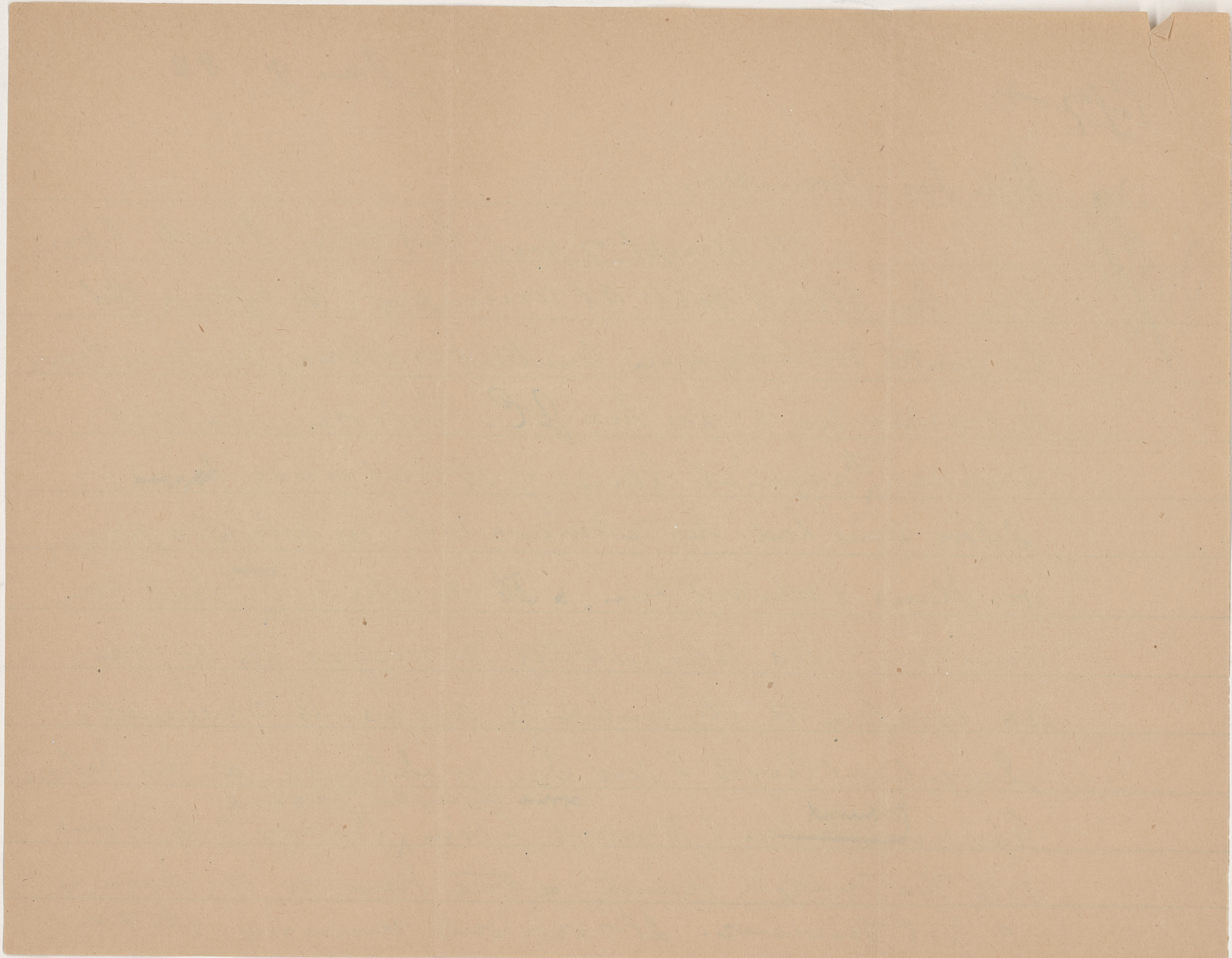
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Dear Sir Alexander,

On receipt of your last letter I wrote to your
son Mr Elliott Salt at Winnipeg. He replied that
he would not likely be in Montreal or Ottawa for some time,
but asked me to see Mr J. C. Nelson, who had
prepared ^{the} original plans of the coal areas. ~~Some~~

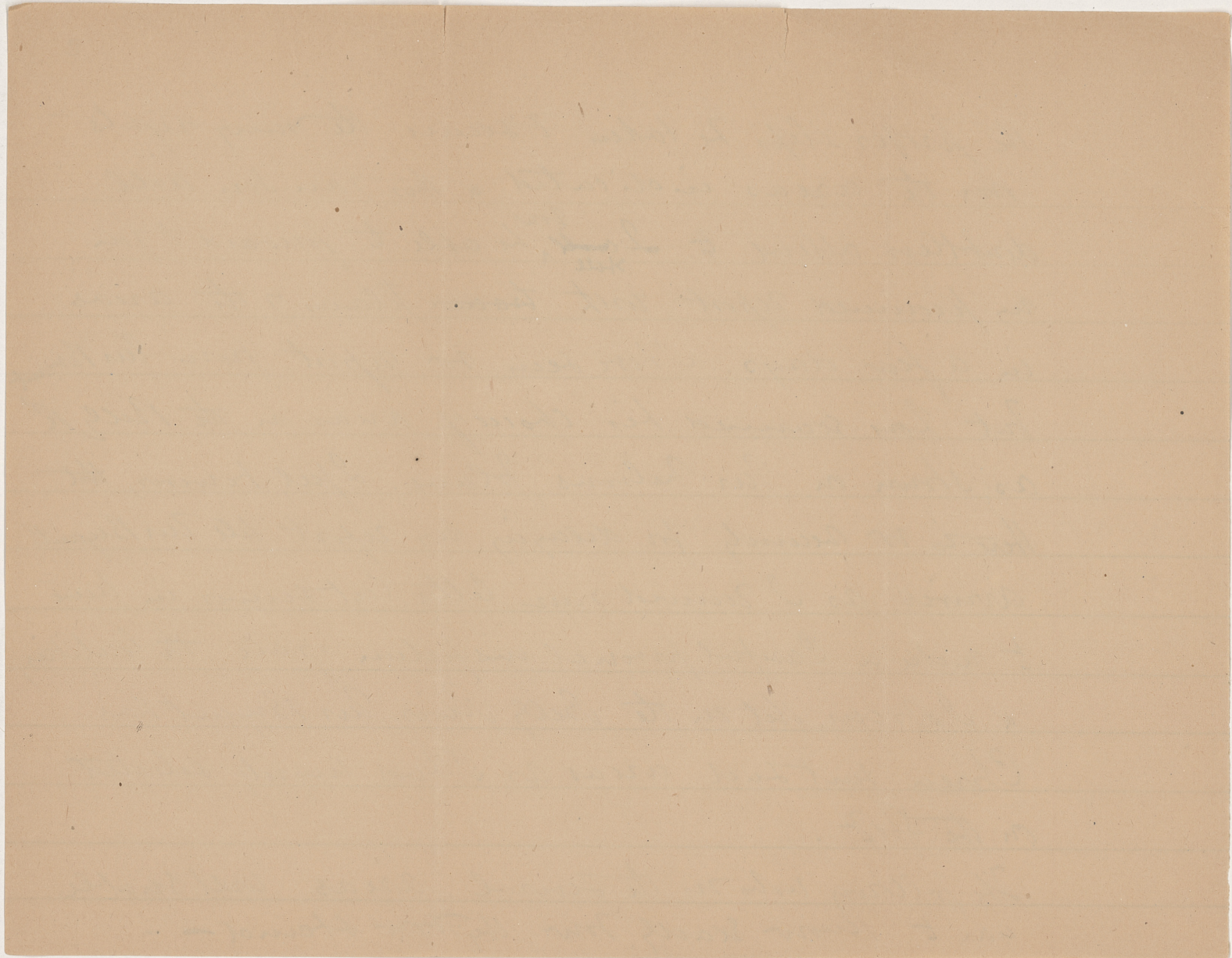
I have since had two interviews with Mr Nelson & gone
over plans & what will be. The matter ~~is~~ I think to
be considered as satisfactorily arranged in so far
as location & distribution of areas is concerned.

I wrote at length to your son on Saturday & Mr Nelson
has ~~understand~~ ^{promised} to forward to him ^{at my disposal} tracings of the plans,
both those made by himself & those based on my surveys
of last summer. It now only remains that



The proper steps be taken to secure the mining rights
 on the areas indicated & this you son will
 doubtless attempt to. I ~~can~~^{now} be able to forward to you
~~my~~^{still} promised report, with ~~traces~~ plans of the areas
 in a few days. I have seen no report from Mr Bryant
 but have scanned his choice of areas on the Belly R'
 as shown on Mr Nelson's plans. I feel, however, that
 there is no necessity for delaying my report till Mr Bryant's
 arrives as I received your letter but seemed in time
 to make a careful personal inspection of all the localities,
 & I observe that on the Belly River Mr Bryant has
 chosen just such areas as I had myself selected
 on the 3rd.

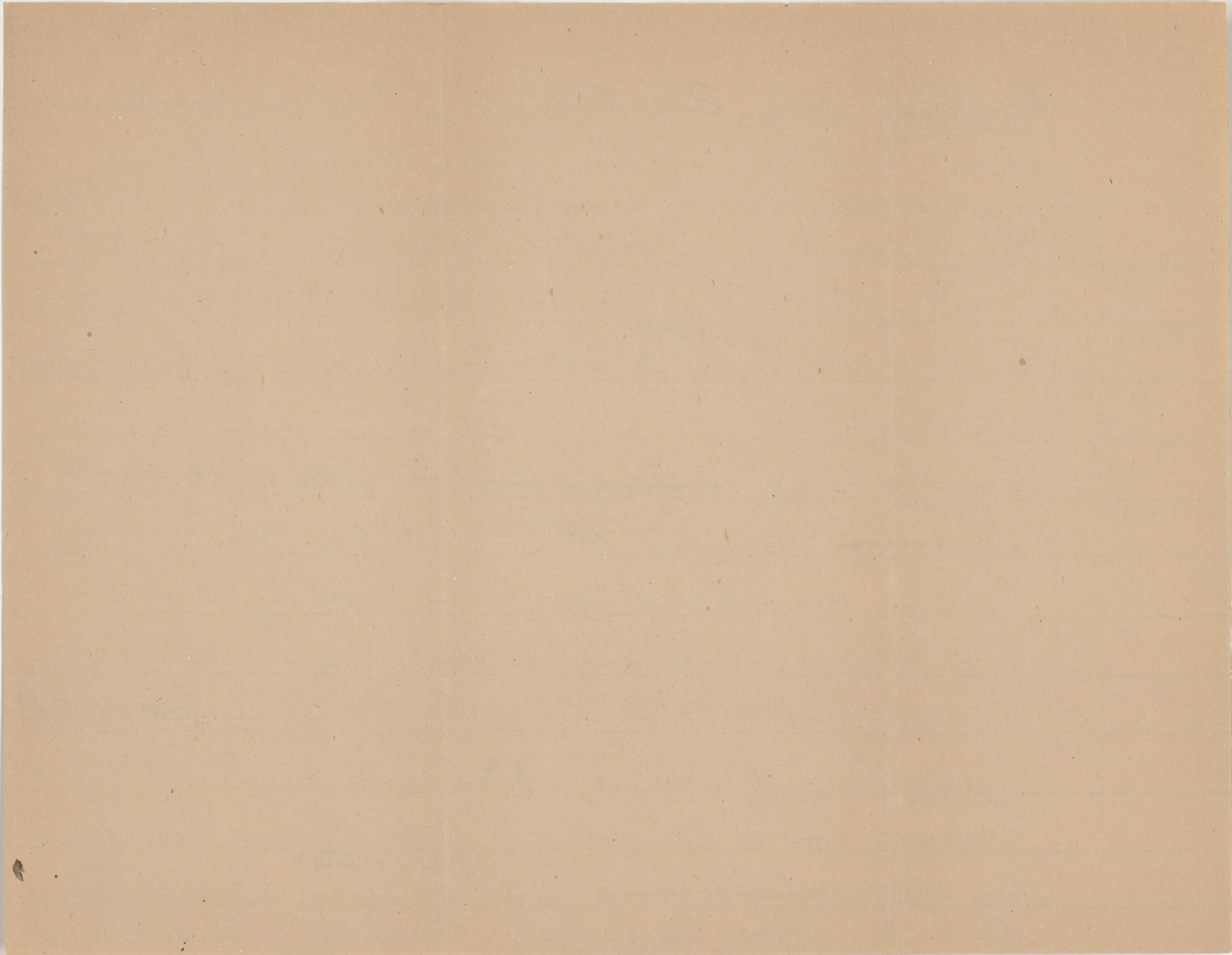
The following notes on the several areas will enable
 you to know exactly how they now stand - ..



Blackfoot Crossing, Bow River - Here we saw Mr Bryant's sketch of area here, but here. Chasen area on plan on bank of river in the place referred to in a previous letter. This I am convinced is the best place for working the Coal & Mr Nelson assures me it lies within the limits of the gaps ^{referred to by Govt.} in the belt of country ceded to the Indians along this river.

Horse Shoe Bend & Grassy Island below Blackfoot Crossing on Bow R. 15 miles below Blackfoot Crossing. Here supplied Mr Nelson with my sketch of the part of the river & marked an area on the west favorable part of the seam outcropping here (Coal 4' 4" thick)

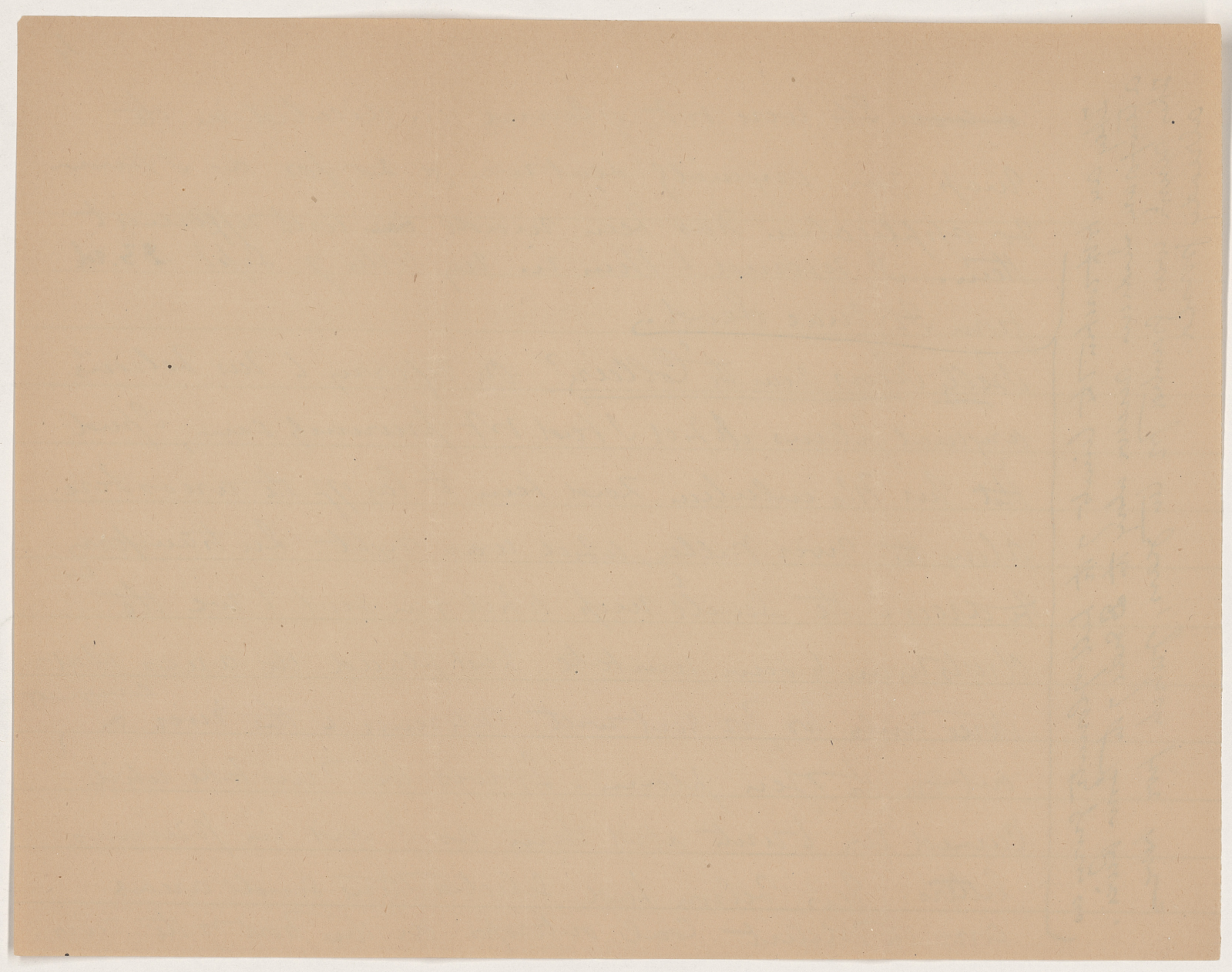
Grassy Island Bow R. 33 miles below Blackfoot Crossing. ~~See~~ Here also defined an area here by my sketch of ~~last section~~ ^(Coal 4' 6" thick) of the river. The seams at this & the previous locality were discovered by me last September



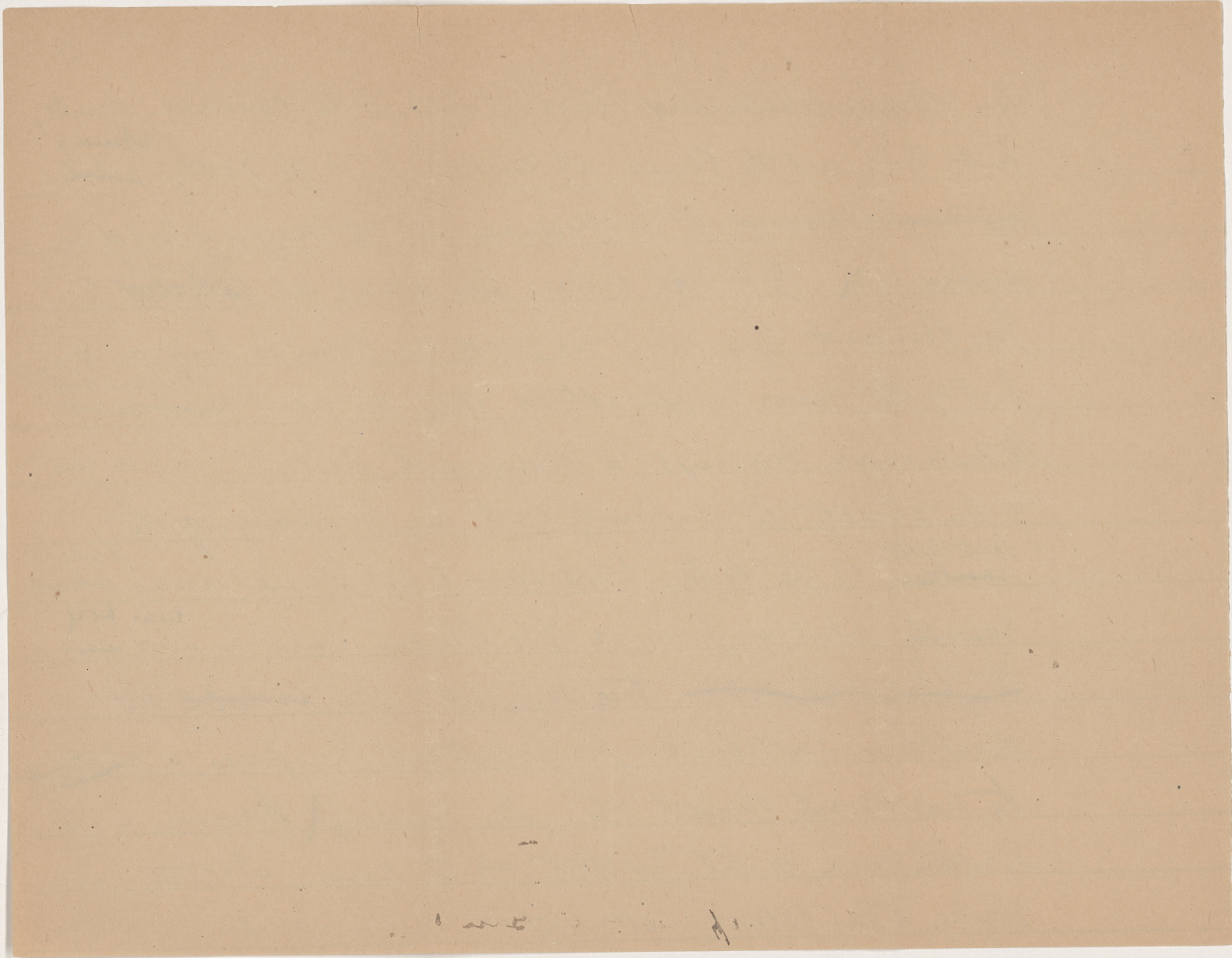
~~were~~ The were not, of course, indicated on the map you originally sent me & so far as I know no application has been made ~~as~~ with reference to them. I referred to them in my letter of Sept 23rd from Ft Mac Leod.

Pelly River near the Colliery? On referring to Mr Nelson's original plans which I had not previously seen, I find that Mr N's selection had been to lay off the areas here along the river valley, which was right. In transferring the areas to the Swell map which you sent to me the draftsman by some mistake had placed the areas about three miles to the west with reference to the river & ^{consequently} out on the open plain. It was this mistake which caused me to write about them as I did in previous letters. Mr Nelson had selected these Swell areas over the oldest coal outcrops on this part of the river.

They are both within the limits of the belt of country given as a temporary Indian reserve along the S side of the River Pelly. This name was founded 72 years ago, probably first used already found.



Mr Bryant extended part of them to a square mile,
 but ran out the lines at right angles to the valley ^{whereas} ~~which~~
~~the river flows in~~ it is necessary that the areas should be
 bounded by ~~a~~ N & S & W lines. The areas as ^{revised} ~~selected~~ by
 Mr Bryant are about as good as can be had on this
 part of the river. I then altered them so as to ^{square out} ~~compare~~
 the necessary bearings, & changed the position of one or two
 of them slightly in conformity with my knowledge of the
^{altitude} ~~position~~ of the beds. While several additional areas ^{probably} ~~about~~
 equally about as good as those chosen could be had ^{near here} ~~on~~
~~this part of the river~~ these selected are ^{probably} ~~the~~
 doubtless sufficient for practical purposes, & ~~of~~ ~~the~~
 the work being opened up. In regard, however, to the
 Scutter area, or that further up the river, I wrote in
 writing to Mr Elliott that it is placed so as to cover



On the Bell River 32 miles 2 1/2 N.E. of the Colliery. I have
marked an area on a 3 foot team system & in
green letters. This however, is no 100-acre in squares
important with the other areas.

the small ~~lands~~ ^{opening} known as the "Colliery" or "Coal Bank".
This has for many years been worked by a man called
Steran, who though without legal ~~title~~ ^{right} has I think every
claim to consideration, especially as it has been up to
this time impossible to acquire a legal title to the
Coal deposits or other than a Squatters Claim to
Cultivated lands in this district.

In the case of each of the ~~two~~ ^{seven} areas above referred to
I have marked on the maps the best square mile.
I think the Government should give Coal grants of this
size in view of the expense of opening & operating Collieries.
As I hear however, that it is probable that half this
area will be the extent of the grant, I have also
marked in each instance ~~what~~ ^{that which} in my opinion
is the ~~best~~ ^{preferred} half to be chosen. over

Truly that the value I have taken in the
houses in the name of you so as other
person competent I shall not the ~~situation~~
location of the areas & put the matter on a
paper for by my mention I am approved

Believe me

Yours truly

Francis M. Dawson

Copy to Sir A. S. Galt
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Done

