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Mr James Swanwick
Bookseller
Pictou Nova Scotia

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My dear Parents

I received no letter from you by the last packet, probably in consequence of your expectation that I would already be on my way home, and indeed I should have been so, but waiting for a ship from Greenock kept me much longer than I should have wished. I expect to sail however to-morrow ^{for Halifax} in the Brig James - a good vessel of 220 or 30 tons - Her captain's name is Cameron - a fine looking honest sort of a fellow - (not your old friend of that name) - Mr. Leod says that the vessel is a good one, and appears a good sailor - I have got copies of O & B & Ours a/c. The bill for this year is large, - principally in consequence

If these wills order, you will however
have probably received the shipment long
ere this reach you. - The Pipes &c are coming
I believe in the Mauley, - a little big for Habz
for Pictou. - My funds being rather short
I have not bought the lead & other paints;
they are things that I know little about any
way, and Watson was from home when
I was at Glasgow. - All my friends here
are well - and send you their best wishes.

By the time you receive this I shall
probably be half way across the water,

You will join me in the prayer that
I may return safe & find you well & happy
when - I once more reach dear Pictou

I hope that my passage will be short but
if, like my last, it be long do not make your
aches uneasy, but trust in Providence that it
will be prosperous.

Your affectionate son
J. W. Dawson