

Pictou Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1857

Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup> your very kind letter of Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and feel very grateful for the interest which you take in my welfare. I asked Mr. McPherson if he would want me another year he replied he did not know my year is not near up yet and if there was no prospect of doing a better business next summer than we did <sup>this</sup> he thought two would be enough in the shop— however as it was such a long time to look ahead he could not say, but wished me to better my circumstances if I could. Before leaving Pictou you spoke to me of Truro as a valuable opening for a bookstore and remarked that you had no doubt there would be 2 or 3 there in the course of a few years, and of the advantages which the one first established would possess over the rest &c. Since the rec<sup>t</sup> of your letter I have conversed with father on the subject and he approves of it and will give me all the assistance in his power, but we would rather not apply to ~~an~~ Mr. McPherson. Now if you feel inclined to advance me a stock in the Spring I will do all in my power to compensate your kindness and will try and get satisfactory security. Please think over the prospects and give me your advice and I shall ever feel grateful to you. Father and Mother's best respects, and remain  
yours respectfully } To Jas. Dawson Esq } Chas. S. Stearns



Letter  
Chas Stearns  
7 Nov 1854

