

Letter  
Jas Prinnase  
9 Jan'y 1858

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Wm Chapman  
Banker  
J Stoy &  
Wm...  
Bea...  
H. Tucker

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Pictou 9 January 1858

James Dawson Esq

Dear Sir,

I was duly favored with your  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult with Deed for Mr McPherson. He  
objected to the Deed out and out. It purports to have  
been executed at Montreal 1<sup>st</sup> January 1858, in  
presence of Howard Norman & Mr Rudolf, who were  
both in Pictou at the time. He was so much offended  
at offering him such a Deed, that he at first said,  
as you had failed to give him a good Deed at the time  
promised, he would have nothing more to do with  
it, but he returned this morning and said, if he  
got a good Deed he would take it, but would pay no  
rent nor interest in consequence of the delay as the  
fault was not with him. To settle the matter, I  
told him I would get a Deed made out by Mr Dickson  
and submitted to him, before sending it to you for  
execution, to which he agreed, and Mr D is writing  
out the Deed. Be particular to execute it in strict  
conformity with the certificates attached to it,  
having them regularly filled, and vouched to enable  
Mr McPherson to register the Deed. The Blanks you  
signed in presence of Howard Norman will be of  
no use whatever, as all they can testify is, they  
saw you sign a Blank, which could be no proof  
of your having executed the matter of it, subsequently  
filled it in.

1881 January 9

I enclose our account to date Bal.  
in our favor £ 16 19. 4½. You will observe  
we remitted the £ 31 10. 0 to Cowan & Co per  
last steamer, and enclose you the second of Ex.

You will notice we have collected nearly  
all the available small balances. We expect  
to get amt. of McDonalds note before long, and  
will also look after the others you name.

Fletcher left for Wallace sometime ago, having  
first paid his note 40/- and £ 4 rent -

Mrs Blackadar paid her first quarter promptly  
and promises punctuality in future -

I rented the Red Store to James Rankin on  
10<sup>th</sup> November for 6 months, Rent £ 3 -

There has as yet been no offers for any of  
the property - when I get any they shall be  
transmitted for your consideration

Wishing you William & Mrs Dawson the  
compliments of the Season

I am  
Yours Truly

James Finlayson

Pottinger says he will pay his interest soon  
but has no claim on his mothers estate, as  
he agreed with his sisters long ago that if they  
kept his mother he would claim nothing when she  
died

After this letter was mailed with the Deed  
Mr Metherson expressed a strong wish to have the  
Deed made on parchment - I with a few the letter  
and he has had the Deed so made as now enclosed  
paying Mr Dickson himself for the additional  
charge thus incurred

