

Pietro 26<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1861.

James Dawson Esq.

Dear Sir

We find we have a good many letters of yours to answer i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> ult. 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. Stern's second mortgage is £150. making £200 in all. We have no apologies to offer for him but merely to communicate facts - you seem dissatisfied but we acted, in taking the Judgement, as we thought, in accordance with your directions. You said to Capias him if he did not make payment. The law don't permit us to Capias any person unless by swearing that the party is about to run away which we could not do in Stern's case and we took a Judgt. agreeing to give him 6 mo. before enforcing it to try what he could make of his property. Had the debt been our own we could have done no better. We neither attempt to screw him or his son but when you make Enquiries we send you such answers as we get & when you request us to act we do so according to our best judgement.

We have written frequently to Sutherland. Rev. John and occasionally he called on us and made fair promises. We have now written to Mr. Gauld and will try and find out what he is about and let you know. He paid us £54.10.0 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1858 which you will find in our A/c.

We think it will be best to leave the repairs of the house until the

I did not intend any reflection  
upon your dealing with Steves as  
I fully believe that were the best  
you could in the matter, but  
I certainly did & do feel dissat-  
isfied with Steves that he man-  
aged his property a licent time  
without my knowledge & also  
also that he did not pay the ex-  
pense of judgement which is likely  
all that I can ever to get from  
the debt. I should like to know  
what he made of the loss as he  
tempted me through a letter  
from his son that he raised  
the money for the purpose of  
paying me, but watched it when  
he found I had extended the time of  
payment to Charles, a brother.

Has J.M.D a specimen of the Marquodolnit gold or  
the rock it is formed in - if not the writer would be happy  
to send him a small specimen he has. The excitement has died

Spring opens when we will report to  
you how we find sils ~~to~~ and we will  
take care that when it is strung it  
shall be properly done and tight

Glover is in arrears since  
November 20<sup>th</sup> for his rent. Please say  
what description of clothes you wish  
him to make for you in Spring

We are much obliged to you for  
the trouble you have taken about  
the wheat but the price is too  
high to justify us in buying  
with any view to profit. The  
expenses in addition to first cost  
would bring it well on to \$2.  
before we could store it at Pietro

We thank you for paying Mr  
Wingall \$2.50 for the Times & we  
credit you the amount in apt.

We have had a steady cold winter  
and just enough snow to make  
good hauling & comfortable lumbering  
in the woods in that respect it has  
been most favorable. With kind  
remembrances to yourself & our Mrs

D. Very sincerely yours

J. P. Poirer & Son

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reason for opening when he knew  
 first that that few are anxious  
 to have my money deposited, the  
 way I am now in straits of the  
 track you mention in your ps  
 and will be glad to get one from  
 you - Would show S to be lay-  
 ing trust something to meet the ex-  
 pense on Rep of House, I have  
 already advised him that it  
 will be incurred.

Coal from floor will require  
 to be 6 or 8 inches longer than  
 the last to be better than now  
 worn here - Other Directions

J. Munnister  
 26 Feb 1861