

Sydney Mines 9 Dec^r 1845

J. W. Dawson Esq^r

Dear Sir

I have your letter of the 28th I quite agree with you that the beds north of the conglomerate are newer than the productive coal measures but I am inclined to think the Conglomerate itself is older than either - I have not time just now to write out my ideas at length but if I do not sometime before the winter is over I hope to have the pleasure of discussing the matter with you at Pictou next spring -

I am very happy to find that the proposition I made meets with your views - I think the terms you mention are fair & reasonable and I have no doubt but that every thing can be arranged to the satisfaction of all parties - I mentioned you to Mr. Curran as a very likely person to undertake a survey 2 or 3 weeks ago - he tells me that in consequence of what I said, he had written to you - he seems very

desirous of having the survey made
by a native of the Province in preference
to employing an English or American
Geologist. I am writing today to the
Directors of the General Mining Actth
recommending them to accept of your
offer which they very probably will
accept to. If matters are settled before
Spring I will be at Pictou in May
when I can give you any information
I possess that may be of service in
your survey. I have mentioned to
our mutual friend Mr. Ross that you
will probably be employed upon this
service which I am sure he will be
pleased to learn.

In haste, very truly yours

Rich^d Snow.

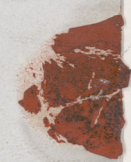
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