

Tues 1st May 1846

Dear Sir

I have some intention
of boring or sinking a shaft for coal
in London clay, distant about $\frac{3}{4}$
of a mile from where you examine
the Iron ore in October last while a
Company with A. P. Ross Esq.

If you could spare the time and
feel disposed to give me your
opinion & advice as to the most
favourable spot for such an opera-
-tion I will pay you expenses by
Coach and pay you twenty Shillings
per day

per day. If you can afford
to come upon these terms please
to let me know, at your earliest
convenience, when I may expect
you — the sooner the better —
If you should come I will
require a Geological & Mineralo-
gical Survey of about 2000 acres
of land I bought there, containing
as I believe other Metals besides
Iron and an extensive Coalfield.
I have Dr. Lesnes Report of
these deposits, but it is so very
favourable that some, who pretend
to some knowledge in such matters
can

Can I scarcely believe Nature could
be so lavish of her Treasures as
to throw together so rich & extensive
a deposit of Mineral wealth
and render it so accessible to
Man's wants & enterprise -

I shall consider myself fortunate
if after an examination you
can endorse his opinion

I am Dear Sir
very truly yours

W. P. Cope
Wm. Jas. Dawson Esq
& & &
Pictou

At present I am in a great
wretched state here & am
languid as the very spring
I am not good ^{judges} ^{and of} ^{your} ^{reputation}
reputation & I shall have
some time, and had intended
to have a excursion to western
perhaps as far as Boston, but that

case will be happy to see a
friendly for you a very ~~way~~ of
business. We let you remember
include as I suppose it does the
the same employed of the Rep
which I last autumn, I should
not feel quite at liberty to make
any more of it for another year
I have heard given the news
I repeated of it now I do not see only
any more that has no ^{of the} ^{part}