

Dear Sir

The coach having been later than usual on Saturday I did not receive yours of May 1 till Monday, and will consequently be unable to send a reply till Friday. I am afraid I cannot serve you as you propose. This being our busiest season of the year, it would be impossible for me to leave home at present; and besides, if as I suppose, the lot you mention is that containing the Iron ore I was taken to look at last autumn by Mr A. P. Prop, I would scarcely feel at liberty to undertake any other thing of it just now.

When the hurry of spring is over I intend if I can spare sufficient time to take a trip to the westward perhaps as far as Haver-

If I do so I shall have no objection  
to spend a few days looking at the Coal  
Reports in London, and will be most  
happy to give you any information in my  
power without any charge.

On such a subject a report  
from a former ought to be perfectly satis-  
factory to the public. Those who will  
not believe it would perhaps

Yours  
J. G. S. 18