

Sydney Mines 23 June 1849

My dear Sir

You have probably heard that several of the Consumers of Pictou Coal in the U. States have complained of the quality of the Coal sent to them this year - Being anxious to know whether there are any just grounds for these complaints, I should feel much obliged, if you have leisure, by your making an analysis of the description of Coal shipped last year and also of that sent this year - Mr. Poole will furnish you with average samples taken from that part of the Mine from which last years coal was procured, and similar samples from the present workings - I should like to know the specific gravity and proportions of Fixed Carbon, Volatile Matter & Ashes of each sample - If you can attend to

This

immediately on your return from the
U. States and send me the results, you
will confer a great favour - Perhaps
it may be advisable, to save time, to
send a copy of your Analysis to
Mr. Curran at Halifax -

Remain Dear Sir

Yours very truly
Rich^d Nowell

Dear Sir

I have received yours of the 23
and am quite willing to undertake the
analysis you mention. As I have a
good deal to do at present here it
may be two weeks or more before I can
give the result - but I shall endeavor to
do so as soon as possible - I shall state
fully the particulars you mention and
to see if the paper that way is of interest

If you object to produce a separate
paper of your own in the states - I may
venture to suggest that it might be
advantageous to employ some analyst in the US
from the east coast where as a man
goes a long way with those who cannot
judge of the value of the analysis -
I'll be sure to see that and my a

As we are
My friends
of my friends

for you as we are
wishes the best of
can be in the States

J. W. Danton Esq.

Pictou -

John Brown
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