

Sydney Mines 19 Octo 1849

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My dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 12<sup>th</sup> enclosing the assay of the Coal from the new Pits which is very encouraging as our operations are likely to be continued in that direction for some time - When the Americans do want any more Piton Coal we shall have a superior article for them but if the present low prices of Iron in Great-Britain continue, they will not be able to do much in the Iron business in the States - I had not heard of the discovery of Copper on the Salmon River until you named it - a good vein of such as you sent would indeed be valuable and its locality cannot be very far from Salt Water - I have from the first set down the Pine Islands affair as sheer fudge, having heard that a person of the name of Pulgen was the leading spirit - he



is without exception the <sup>greatest</sup> most visionary  
in the Province and knows nothing  
whatever of Minerals -

I have not devoted a single day  
to Geological pursuits this summer  
having been kept so busy at home -  
You would perhaps hear Dr. Jerns  
was down here again with the  
Admiral - He went to see a seam of  
Coal lately discovered near Sydney &  
took specimens to Halifax which he  
presented to Mr. Cernard as "Cannel Coal"  
- they were sent to me and are nothing  
but common bituminous Coal like the  
Sydney - We have a small seam of  
Cannel in this neighbourhood - I am  
sending some up for trial in the Gas  
Works at Halifax.

I remain Dear Sir  
Yours very truly  
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