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Dear Sir,

Having from boyhood heard of you spoken of as scholar, learned gentleman and able Geologist led me to peruse with great pleasure and care your very interesting 'Acadian Geology'. I have had much to do with the new Coal Mining interests of Cape Breton - being I believe the 'pioneer', and after selling Black Hb. Mines to my partner in 1863. I took up other claims - and in 1864 Mr. Lyman conducted for me (not for any Company) a Geological and Topographical Survey - result of which you have seen in printed map and report, got up by me in pamphlet form. I distributed them freely to many persons both in United States and British provinces, as also sending some to England. The Lyman survey & examination cost me a large sum of money - and then with my repeated delays in New York & particularly in years 1865. and '66 has been of serious loss & trouble to me - and at last coal property became much depreciated in value, and I had to make best arrangement I could. The abrogation & non renewal of the treaty has indeed injured my prospects. Mr. Lyman was first employed at 1000. green backs for month thinking he could complete the survey &c in about six weeks - but somehow it took eight months, being, surveying &c.

- but you have no doubt perceived it embraced a larger tract of country than ~~the~~ claims once owned by me. In consequence of the long time occupied the charge made by Mr. Lyman for his services, was reduced to \$750 a month - ~~and~~ his board, and expenses from and to Philadelphia also paid by me. I have become embarrassed principally through all the expense, delays &c &c. This is of no interest to you but please excuse me stating all.

In addition to what is shown on the large map Lyman surveyed &c from Cow Bay to Sydney - and thence a few miles on mine's road, as also from ~~Cow Bay~~ False Bay to Mine's gut and thence across the country to the Cow Bay road claims. - It seems to me that if I were to get a map from him showing this additional work, that the Govt. Government (through Sir William Logan or yourself) might give me some remuneration for the survey, - taking into consideration the lithographed map I have already given free. - for you must know that the latter has been of great use already to very many, and will be more so yet. Think then considering all I have done since 1858 (at the very commencement) to bring our Mines into notice &c that some acknowledgement

should now be made. me - I know that <sup>most</sup> all  
in Cape Breton appreciate my past individual  
effortions. I am confident Mr. a. Hendry, Esq of  
Crown Land Dept. will be happy to point out  
clearly how very much I have done in  
my humble way - particularly as he is  
fully acquainted with all from first to  
last. allow me to say that you can have  
no idea ~~how~~ <sup>what</sup> very great service Mr.  
Hendry has done the country by giving  
advice &c and working and studying  
so perseveringly all connected with our  
coal field - he spent hours every evening  
whilst in Cape Breton, as also in Halifax  
giving information freely to all who sought  
it. It should be more publicly acknowledged  
& by all how faithfully and sincerely Mr.  
Hendry worked for the full development  
of our Mineral wealth.

During A. D. 1864 Mr. Lyman had 38  
Borings made on the areas then owned by me.  
say 1369 Feet.

Please tell me what is the usual pay  
given to a Mining Engineer like Mr. Lyman  
for such an examination as he conducted  
for me. I had also a Skiff employed for  
8 months @ £12 per month to over see the  
borings.

as I have much spare time at present I am getting Fossils from all the Beds at Cow Bay, Glad Bay &c.

I will again write you a letter (if you permit me) in reference to some information furnished you - and which I cannot understand.

I would like to know how it was ascertained as a fact that the 'Gardener' coal is 597 ft. below the 'Long Beach seam'. -

I trust you will excuse me for this intrusion and hastily written letter.

I am,

Sir,

Very respectfully yours,  
Marshall Bourinot.

I have not seen your report on the 'Gardener'!

m. B.