

Your Friend  
J. W.

Pictou 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1840

J. W. Dawson Esq

My Dear Sir

You are aware I hold  
a note of Henry Sterns to your  
late father for £200 on which  
some partial payments were made  
He owned some land at  
Moose River N.H. I took a  
judgment some time ago which  
of course secures his right to it  
There are 250 acres of it but  
Mr Dickson on searching the  
records found it belonged  
to Mrs Sterns in her own  
right having received it by  
deed from the heir of her  
father in settlement of her  
claim on his estate



On getting the judgment I  
wrote asking her if under  
the circumstances she would  
sign away her rights but  
she did not answer until  
20<sup>th</sup> of Aug. last when she  
expressed her willingness to do  
so. Mr. Dickson told me  
she must be joined by her  
husband in the conveyance  
as no married woman can convey  
real estate alone. I wrote  
asking her if her husband  
would join her in the deed  
& her answer and first letter  
are enclosed. I have sold  
in the neighbourhood in the vicinity  
of St. John's for Dickson's estate  
at from £14 to £17 per hundred  
acres and should suppose the  
23 acres would bring something  
like that. He and I and  
that much I may say would