

133 Mulcahy St

26 April 1872

My dear Sir

My London correspondents write that the great demand for Iron ores, which England is utterly unable to supply herself, as you are aware, to vigorous steps to secure large shipments of Spanish Hematite & they mention that France alone could make all they can produce from these sources.

They desire particular information as to situation, quantity, cost & carriage.

They are people of great experience & the very highest standing, in fact they are the leading financial agents in England, & have had much experience in dealing with coal & Iron properties. But without their enterprise & power, they will require to make their own careful investigations, to ascertain the undoubted excellence of their purchases, & will require every guarantee, & will apply every precaution that experience & prudence & foresight will dictate. You will therefore see, how fully I should be armed - that there should be no joint in my armour, & that

I must have full & ample time
to satisfy my friends. This done, &
you will see what we both desire
so much, - probably half a dozen
blast furnaces in Victoria within
a year or two.

With reference to coal if we
could combine the two - so much
the better, but owing to the fact
that there are so many mines
opened, & about to be opened, I do
not myself attach much importance
to this suggestion in our concern.
They may however take a different
view, & you will therefore help me
on this point if possible. In this
connection, you should enquire in
your preliminary sketch the price
at which the Intercolonial or
other mines will supply coal &
Coke. A good & full note should
be appended to the preliminary
report, & if it is not asking too
much, you might give me a letter
to Professor Forbes or any other

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