

Primer & Mc Kay  
 Peterborough 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1842

My dear Sir

Your favors of 21<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup>.  
 were received and contents noted.  
 I furnished George with a copy of  
 the latter. He is busily Engaged  
 doing all he can but the distances  
 of the properties from one another uses  
 up much time in travelling. They  
 are opening three pits at the spathic  
 on McHarris and Fraser told George  
 on Saturday that he was well pleas'd  
 with appearances there. They have  
 been making some openings on  
 Mrs Campbell's land embraced in  
 the Limonite area and George now  
 thinks he has found a clue which  
 may lead to its discovery there  
 but not on the previously supposed  
 line but more to the N.E. I pre-  
 -sume George writes you direct, as  
 to his progress & prospects. We hear  
 Prentice is to be on the ground on  
 Thursday - we are to have all the

trouble with the Glasgow people that they can possibly pile on. They have tied up the Limonite on Fraser's Saddlers and every inch of the way there must be forced open by legal process, this however must be undertaken by Prentice to whom we shall extend all the aid we can without incurring either expense or responsibility.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July we wrote you respecting the discoveries on the Wentworth Grant and the intention of purchasing there on account of yourself, Holmes Copeland and our Firm. When you were here last you stated your intention of handing your interest in the J. W. Fraser ~~ore~~ iron ore and also on properties of August Fraser & Alexander McNeillaw to Henry McKay. These three cover the direct line of Extension into the Wentworth Grant in a straight line from Websters.

J. W. Fraser has commenced a suit for the recovery of his ownership of the ore on his farm, alleging that he did not know what he was about that it was not sufficiently explained to him



Please inform us who is interested with us in this matter, whether yourself or Mr. McKay - if the latter, get him to address a letter to me acknowledging that he represents one fourth of these properties and <sup>is</sup> prepared to abide the issue to that extent whatever the result may be. Please be particular in this as you will see the necessity of placing the ownership beyond a per-  
-adventure. In the meantime we can make no offer to Prentice that would not compromise us.

Carroll and McGregor are said to be the parties advising Fraser, having, as we hear, offered him \$4000 for the property, should he succeed in getting it back.

If Prentice is disposed to come to an understanding to accept the schedule we gave to Mr. McKay there will be a disposition to meet his views as to 108 or a portion of it at least. Should he be as impracticable now as he was when here it is most likely the schedule and it only will be adhered to as there would be no use in making concessions if a definite understanding between us and him cannot be arrived at.

You will remember your name is in the Government License, 108, together with Holmes Noonan, McDonald, & ourselves & the Second Right on this same belongs to the same parties.

Very, well.

George was with us yesterday and is

Yours truly

Howard Prentice