

Duke

6. Grosvenor Crescent
Edinburgh

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My Dear Sir I am obliged by
your notes, and by your Report
upon the Ives Mine. I
sincerely hope, for my good friend
Sir Alex. J. Galts sake, that
your idea of the future of
this mine may turn out correct.

I confess I do not share your
 sanguine views. but at the same
time, I do not follow Mr Robertson
at all in the results he has
arrived at.

Mr Robertsons
Report of course was read at our
private Board. but no one else

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has seen it, and it remains
in my private Dead Box.

The Mine however could not
be accepted, and, at £95,000.

I fancy you must confess it was
rather dear!

I see your
son is down in Nova Scotia.

I was much interested in
my visit there. I went carefully
over the Iron deposits in which
Major Holmes & Primrose (and
I think yourself) are interested,
and I took careful notes of all
I saw in two days hard work,
and I bought a sample box
of the ores home with me.

I had many interesting conversations with Mr McGarry, the N.S. member for the Mining Department, who was a fellow passenger home with us. I gathered much information. We also inspected closely the coal pits, and I think them insufficient.

I am afraid you and your friends interested in those two deposits, are allowing the time of action to slip past you!

If anything was to have been done with them, no time should have been lost, for already iron & coal seem on the turn here.

I promised to give Mr Ponties my aid here, but time is going by, and I have had strong overtures made me by

another party who has iron
deposits in Pitcair, & is anxious to
bring out a Company, and have
the benefit of the local knowledge
I now possess, & my influence
amongst my relatives in Scotland,
who are largely interested in
Iron & Coal.

Unless I
know what is going to be done, I
must join with the London gentlemen
who wish to bring out a Pitcair Coy.

What do you ask for your
Deposits & what are their extent
(proved) & quality?

Believe me
Very truly Yours
Thomas Dickson

Do not endanger matters by asking
too much -

W Dawson Esq