

I have kept a  
copy of Fraser's Report  
+ Plan

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Pictou 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 4872.

Principal Dawson

My dear Sir

I have just had a visit from Donald Fraser and now correct a remark in my last that we had told him of the Limonite at Cullins. He says he does not remember it but that he went there in consequence of a letter which he received from George asking him to go and that he did not call on nor see Fraser the Jurymaw who told us of the ore. I believe we told George of the Jurymaw's report of Limonite at Cullins.

We enclosed Fraser's Plan and Report addressed to you also a copy of Holmes's Survey between McDonald's weavers and Glenary on reference to which you will observe

Cullins house is within Area 105. but near the Southern line of it. You will also notice the lines of the new Area in the vicinity advised of being taken up in my last. I think it will be necessary to take a square mile to work out of Area 104 & 105. having Cullins House for a starting point and it will be for you or George after reading Fraser's remarks on this locality, to lay off and send us a

sketch of this mile as it must be taken  
out previous to 30<sup>th</sup> April. If confined to 105  
but if it embrace any portion of 103. it  
must be taken previous to 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It  
has been a question with us whether to  
take the mile to work altogether in No.  
105. and to take out a second right of search  
on 103 giving time to select another mile  
there - or to take the mile to work out of  
105 & 103 in such way as you might think  
most advisable. According to Frasers idea  
as you will observe by the dotted line  
on the Copy of Holmes Map the Limonite  
soon leaves 105. and gets into ~~the~~ the  
new area already alluded to. We leave  
the decision of these points to you please  
advise us early what to do. Fraser said  
that the Carboniferous comes down so  
far on 103 that unless the Limonite  
takes a different direction he did not  
think there was much chance of getting  
a good working mile on 103 altho the  
ore might crop the line somewhat  
leaving from Cullins.

D. Fraser wished me to tell you  
that one of the Webster's had just told  
him that the ore bed at Webster's when

he has dotted it as not appearing has been discovered by Webster as continuing all the way through the dotted space and that it also has been traced outside the area to the north westward for half a mile but the vein is smaller and of poor quality. You will remember this goes into Fraser Downie's area. Fraser also says the line of limestones to Grant goes through McKaes Lake as laid down on his plans. We shall look for your <sup>description of the</sup> first mile to work at Webster's. Fraser thinks it could be all taken in one mile & if you are of that opinion we would have another year to select it as we have a second right on that area. You will know exactly what is best to be done in this matter. D Fraser says Fraser Saddle has shown him where the Lignite is to be found about 8 Rods from the first exposure in about a like quantity between the present exposure and the River. The Glasgow people will do all they can to try and do us out of our areas or some of them and they have been several times asking Fraser whether he was free yet to work for them. He is warmly attached to them in political feeling. He seems to have the highest respect for you and I think you should write to him asking him to be careful in engaging to search for iron for other people in our localities that you will likely require his services next spring and until our discoveries can be placed in the market. I am apprehensive he will be pressed very hard and it will be galling to have others to reap where we have sown so expensively & until our crop is gathered. As we hear nothing of Prentice our fears that he will not succeed with his strength. Fraser's expenditures on his % including Holmes recent survey will considerably exceed the \$2000 allotted.

It does not appear that there is much of the Lignite in 105 which would belong to Prentice but if you think it would help him you can communicate your views to him after examining the maps Report & taking care that you don't give him room to claim any particular quantity except as may be found in 105.

Your truly H. Prentice