

2 Westminster Chambers
Victoria Street S.W.
19th January 1874

Gentlemen,

I am as perhaps you are aware associated with Mr E. A. Prentice in the mining rights he purchased from you and I am anxious to see that none of those rights expire or are lost by lapse of time or forfeiture. I have gone over the several licences in his possession and the memo. and tracing of Dr Dawson dated 15th Dec^r 1873 copies of which he has furnished to you, and Mr Prentice has also shewn to me your letter to him of the 28th Nov^r last and Dr Dawson's letter to him of 31st Dec^r containing your subsequent observations. As to Area N^o 5 (Limonite) I send by this Mail as you request the licence to search, and shall be glad if you will obtain the necessary endorsement to evidence the extension you have obtained. As to Area N^o 48 (Limonite &c) the right to select seems to expire on 8 April next Dr Dawson advises in his memo. the selection of "an area in Northern corner between Hudson's area and line of right of search" (marked "P" in red on his tracing) but in his last letter dated 31st December he says you doubt if there is any reserved on this side. I shall be glad if you will ascertain this for certain and if favourable secure it but even if not favourable then to secure some other portion of this (48) area such as Dr Dawson may advise. Mr Prentice's obligations to others, renders this important although Dr Dawson may consider it valueless. Messrs Mc Donald and Rigby report that "part of this area is covered by grants in which iron is not reserved."

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report

As to Area N° 46 (Limonite) I presume you have this licence to work and that it runs from 5th June 1874. Am I right?

As to Area N° 49 you will remember that there are (or were) three rights in this area - has the first lapsed or been re-renewed or how otherwise dealt with and have you the Government receipts respecting the second and third rights to select? It is important (for reasons other than the obvious ones) not to let any of the rights expire. I observe that the second right would expire 22 Feb'y 1874. Dr. Dawson seems to think that it may safely be left to expire as another follows, but I repeat for important reasons that this should not be - please therefore exercise the right according to Dr. Dawson's advice if however no one has taken out rights after these perhaps our object may be as well (or better) attained by taking out additional or other right or rights

As to Area N° 45 (Hematite) I presume you have the licence to work obtained by virtue of the first of the three rights to select? and that it runs from the 22 February 1873 and also the Government receipts for the two subsequent rights to select? The second right must be exercised before 22 February next and Dr. Dawson advises the selection of the 'angle between the square mile already taken and the S.E. side of right of search' please do what is necessary to secure this right to work; with respect to the third right to select, of course it must remain as it does, not expire till 22 Feb'y 1875.

As to Area N° 102 (Hematite) I believe the circumstances of this area are the same as area 49 (see above) I shall be glad to have the same information respecting the Government receipts and otherwise and you to observe the same precautions and instructions with respect to this

Messrs M^o. Donald & Rigby report "a small portion of it is included in the Wentworth grant in which the Iron is not reserved."

As to Area N^o 101. (Haematite) I presume you have the license to work obtained by virtue of the first of the two rights to select? and that it runs from 12th March 1873? and also the Government receipt for the second right to select? D^r. Dawson advises in his memo. of 15th December last "to extend this Area already selected, by taking about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile on each side, with connecting strip round the end" but adds in his letter of 31st December that you anticipate a difficulty in taking it out on both sides in which case he advises that it should be taken out on the North alone. D^r. Dawson does not say what the difficulty is which occurs to you but if it has reference to the form and to the obligations under the 9th Section of the Act I think a legal opinion may be advisable. I have not the means of calculating whether the length would exceed $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles but judging by the materials at hand it does not appear to me to do so, in any event please use your best discretion taking D^r. Dawson's first suggestion if possible. Messrs M^o. Donald & Rigby report "a part of this Area is covered by the Wentworth grant before referred to as not having reserved the iron"

As to Area N^o 100 (specular) I presume you have this license to work? and that (counting the extra year given by the 9th Clause of the Act) it would expire on the 12th August 1875?

As to Area N^o 47. (Specular) D^r. Dawson advises the selection of mile between area already taken (N^o 100) and N.W. line of right of search

Mess^{rs} M^c Donald & Rigby however report "that a
"small portion in the Northern corner of this area
"may be covered by a grant of the land in
"which iron was not reserved but we cannot
"speak with any certainty on this point without
"an actual survey". - I should also point out to you
that this intended selection is not made to join
Area N^o 100 (which it might easily do) and so
the benefit of the 107th Clause and the latter part
of the 97th would not accrue. - Please however use
your best discretion.

As to Area N^o 107 (specular) D^r Dawson advises
the selection "of a square mile on the South side"
I observe this will not expire till 1st May next
and perhaps it may not be advisable to make
selection yet, as M^r Prentice hopes to be out before
that date and explore before deciding. I rely upon
you however to make the selection in time, in
case you should not hear further.

As to Areas 103 & 105 (limonite) From the materials
I have it appears that one, not two miles has
been selected out of these areas I shall be glad
to know if this is sq. m. which case I presume
you have the license? and that it would expire
April 1876?

As to Area N^o 104 (specular) This right to
select seems to expire 30th April 1874 and D^r
Dawson advises the selection "of a square mile
in S.E. Corner" Mess^{rs} M^c Donald & Rigby report
however as to this "the larger part of this area
"say three fifths/ seems covered with the
"Wilkin's grant in which iron was not reserved
"but the lines cannot be ascertained with
"certainty without a survey" this for your
information as it may guide you and D^r Dawson.

As to Area No. 108 (hematite) I presume you have the licence to work selected by virtue of the right to search purchased from Mr. Simon H. Holmes? there is a further right to select as taken out by Mr. Howard Primrose but as it does not expire before June 1874 and Dr. Dawson has not advised with respect to it had better remain for future consideration.

I think I have called your attention to all that occurs to me as of importance - you will of course observe that time is short respecting some of the rights and I shall be glad if you will give the matter your early attention, informing me thereof. If you will draw at sight upon me, or Mr. Prentice, or both, for any expenses you may be put to I will have pleasure in honoring your Drafts.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Dr. Dawson so that you will find him fully informed. In case it may be of use to you I send you a list of the several licences in our possession and shall be glad to know generally whether you have the others.

If there is any further information or instructions you may require please cable "Prentice Conservative London" and it shall have my immediate attention.

I observe that the Act requires a statement of the work done on the several areas with a memo of the expenditure for labor machinery &c. If this has not already been done by you or Dr. Dawson on behalf of Mr. Prentice I beg that it may be attended to without delay.

I enclose G. M. Dawson's report of explorations which you can forward to the Mines Office

with any later particulars you may have learned, and as you have paid out monies for the labor done on the Areas $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ you can easily make up the note of expenses; at the same time Donald Fraser will no doubt be able to give you the latest information. Mr. G. M. Dawson's report you will observe is dated 1872 it may therefore be well to add a postscript either by himself or his father bringing the information down to the latest date and for this purpose I send a Duplicate to the Professor who will no doubt communicate with you without delay.

Please write to me as soon as possible and send by quickest route not waiting for the usual fortnightly mail from Halifax unless it should happen to suit.

Will you be kind enough to give me some approximate idea of the expenditure necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Government during the next Summer?

I remain,

Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully

H. F. Barrett

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