

Montreal, 6 Aug 1864

My Dear Sir Pictou Iron Mines

There seem to be an immense  
impression at the Office of the Geological Survey  
with regard to this property. On asking a  
gentleman to join my venture today, he  
told me that he had made enquiry at that  
Office & was told that there were no  
developments to justify the creation of works,  
but that he was scattered that it  
could not pay to bring it together!  
As I am then paid largely for  
the whole or nearly the whole of the  
Iron deposits of Pictou, which have  
been traced for miles & are said to  
possess authority to certain authorities  
of tons of Iron, I think it absolutely  
necessary that the officers of the Survey  
should be so informed that they may  
not give erroneous information to enquirers.  
Mr. Geo. Stephens who has been, & is  
opposed, hostile to this project, seems to  
have influenced Mr. Harrington, & I am

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Since I have only to call your attention  
to the foregoing without further impressing  
upon you the importance of setting things  
right at the Society. If I am to be such  
with this difficulty at a time when I am  
straining every effort to raise money to pay  
for my friends, I think I had better  
ask my friends to withdraw all together &  
for it is no use wasting their money  
as well as my own.

It is in my apprehension that such  
such measures information should be  
allowed to emanate from the Geological  
Society. I rely upon you to stop  
& execute it.

Yours truly  
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