

Private

Pictou 24<sup>th</sup> June 1875.

My dear Sir

Since writing you yesterday we have rec<sup>d</sup> from Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. D. Crawford & Co a letter asking my father if he could delay the payment of the bond for some time on being paid the interest. - the stringent state of the money market being assigned as the cause of the request. The letter closes with the following "remarks -" should Mr. Munro however, after consideration, feel unable to accede to our request we shall be prompt with our remittance"

This communication relieves our mind not only as to the possibility of any difficulty occurring to interfere with

this important payment but  
also to confirm our belief that  
Mr. Prentice's attack on you was  
merely a ruse to frighten the  
Vendors into a view to extort  
money from them in accord-  
ance with the threat which  
you wrote us about on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May last. We feel quite sure  
that he has committed him-  
self so fully in the progress and  
final arrangement of the Iron  
mines business as to render it  
impossible for him to sustain  
an action such as he threaten-  
ed you with.

Of course we will be  
prepared to honor your draft as  
already proposed by you.

Your very truly,  
Howard Prentice  
Principal Dawson

H. P. Moore  
June 25<sup>th</sup>