

Pictou 13<sup>th</sup> Decr 1875

My dear Sir

I Enclose copy of our letter to J.D. Crawford Esq and accompanying documents relative to a difficulty connected with the Webster area. You are aware what care was exercised by us to secure accuracy in taking out the leases to work on this area from the correspondence we had with you prior to sending in the application therefor to the Govt.

It appears however that an error has been made in the Survey & the Govt. refuse a lease to the Coy embracing the descriptions <sup>as set forth</sup> in the licenses to work. I am sorry that my time is so much occupied as to prevent me from writing out copies of the papers. I enclose machine copies which, with the aid of the General Plan<sup>d</sup> which no doubt you have a copy, you can understand

how the matter stands. Gilpin  
& McDonald & Reilly agree with us  
that it would be unwise for the Coy  
to do anything to irritate the Govt  
& McD & R hold the opinion that <sup>if</sup>  
the Govt were forced to give the lease  
as applied for it would not stand in  
law against the holders of existing  
Rights of search on Area 45 where  
the true line of that Area extends  
over Area 101. or what was considered  
101 under the former survey.

We regret that this trouble should  
have arisen but are relieved to  
find that Mr. Gilpin does not con-  
sider that it involves any practi-  
cal loss to the Coy.

It is a long time since we  
heard from you and we would  
like to know whether Prentice has  
still any interest in the property  
and to what extent. We never heard  
the result of the assay of the ores  
de at Swansea. Could you  
inform us -

We do hope that the Company will be in a position to go on with their works before long.

Mr Pottinger paid us \$152 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> for you being 2 years int. to 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 75 on his mortgage. I am holding the Dep. Rec<sup>t</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 75 \$835<sup>00</sup> at 4% subject to your order.

I trust you are all well and at home & that George & William are enjoying health & prosperity abroad. We are all in our usual health. With all good wishes I remain

Yours very truly  
Howard Pottinger

Principal Dawson

Amount \$152

Handwritten ledger entries, including names like "Mr Pottinger" and "Howard Pottinger", and numerical figures.