

Office of Com. of Pub. Works + Mines

Halifax 5th March 1881

Mr. Dear Sir

I Am in receipt of yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ult. in reference to the forfeiture of the leases of certain iron Mines in Piston County and regret to have to inform you that it is beyond the power of the Government to refuse the forfeiture of leases when it is made to appear that the terms thereof have not been complied with. If then the Leases have become liable to forfeiture and you wish to hold possession of the properties you can surrender the leases and make application for Licenses to work which will give possession for two years when new leases can again be obtained.

Surrenders can be made at any time previous to the time appointed for investigation in reference to forfeiture.

Yours very  
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