

McGill University,

Montreal, Jan'y 1885-

To His Honor the Lieutenant
Governor of Nova Scotia,

Sir,

The undersigned begs
to respectfully represent that a certain
lot of land ^{near} the Salmon River in the
County of Colchester was inherited by ^{him}
James his father the late James Dawson
of Pictou.

That certain clearings and im-
provements were made on the said land ~~from~~
~~before his time~~; but that it was held to be
expedient in the interest of the proprietor to
retain the greater part in forest land in
which timber was cut from time to time by
the proprietor and his ^{sons} ~~and~~ ^{and also that}
^{the widows' land at his expense could expire to be used on the}
^{land at his own disposal for agricultural purposes.} that since the departure of the
undersigned from Nova Scotia the said lot was
in the charge of ^{the late} James Ramsay of Pictou and
Howard Ramsay of Pictou, as his agents, and
James were employed to take ^{care} charge of the
said land and of the timber thereon.

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That ~~the~~ in the judgment of the undersigned the holding of such lands ~~is~~ ^{to the} timber lands is most beneficial to the Province and should be encouraged in the interest of justice; and further that the said lot is the only part of his paternal property in Nova Scotia now owned by the undersigned and ^{which} ~~could~~ be used by him should he return to Nova Scotia to reside therein.

That on the return of the under signed from an absence of nearly a year in Europe he found that without any notice or other informality the said lot had been escheated, and that an order to remove it ~~was made that~~ he will be held to pay the expenses of said escheat a \$100.

The undersigned holds that said escheat was unjust and unequal and that it should be cancelled so as to

place than in the same ~~part~~ as
heretofore and further that he has
ought to be reimbursed for expenses in-
curred in connection with said school
but this latter claim he is content
to waive, if ~~made~~ he ~~does~~ ^{does} mean,
on the other hand, ^{of public benefit} he believes
that he has several cases before the
Courts of Maryland as the Supreme
Courts of the District to obtain restitu-
tion with damages, and ^{this may not}
wield in his own interest but in the
interest of public and ^{in the public interest and} the
preservation of forests ~~and of the forests~~
~~and of the forests~~ and should see
prevented and held he is prepared further
to agitate this claim before the public,
and to appeal to the Legislature for
compensation and for such enactments as
may prevent such injuries in the future
with a view to the perfecting of the interests
of Maryland ⁱⁿ in ~~the~~ ~~State~~ - Maryland
The undoubted would further state

that in residence which he has
been ruled to hold and has an
interest to preserve and protect
from subsequent members important to
its interests at his own charge and
also to contribute to public and all
objects within the power.

In all the above cases the
winding up will be for the same
objects as the matter and to prevent
it to the personal payment to such use
that justice may be done to the members.

As the Order
of the
Court