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Office of the High Commissioner.

9, Victoria Chambers.

London, S.W.

23 November 1881

My dear Dr. Geop -

Box of 23 Sept. from Fort W. Lead, reached me yesterday, and has been most interesting - I send a copy by this mail to my son Elliott, who is authorized by Mr. Lettbridge to do what may be needful as to survey &c. - From your letter I infer that possibly the Coal locations applied for, may have been wrongly described. I therefore write Elliott to see you as soon as he can at Ottawa, and to make sure that the points described are those that should be obtained. He will also if required, ask Sir John to send the description -

Will you therefore kindly withhold your report, until the question of location is definitely settled. And I should be much obliged, if you would await my son's arrival, before reporting or saying much about this Coal - as I am afraid that other parties might apply and possibly deprive Mr. Lettbridge of the advantage of the expenditure already incurred.

At

Sis C. Y. Salk

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At Blackfoot Crossing I believe the
application is for the limit on the river
to which you refer - but in the case of
Pelly River. I am not sure that some
mistake may not have been made -

Mr. Lathrop has sent Capt. Roycutt
to the Bow & Pelly rivers to examine the
coal as a practical matter and Elliott
will have his reports when he sees you -
I must therefore trust you will be able
to decide exactly on the right place, and
when you have done so - I send me
your scientific report - of course with
Mr. Selwyn's sanction -

Trusting this letter will find
you copy returned from your western
wanderings - Believe me

Yours very truly
M. C. C.

D. G. Dawson