

ment for a Lease of these Mines. There is a Company ready to work them. It is a British Company, but part of the Stock taken in the United States. The Capital, I think, is £20,000. I think the expenditure of £10,000 would raise 40,000 chaldrons a-year. It has been examined by two English Mineral Surveyors, sent out by this Company at my suggestion. They were practical and competent men; I was with them—we only examined the Joggins—did not consider it necessary—they were satisfied with the outcrop—we were there for about a week. I was there with Mr. Lyell, also, for two days. He said that he had never seen so good a field of coal for working in his life. The estimate is made by the two Surveyors of the cost of raising the coal. They made the estimate of expenditure higher than mine—Ney estimated, that, by the expenditure of £10,000 stg. they could raise 40,000 chaldrons a year, for ten or fifteen years, on the water level—after that they contemplated to go under the level of the sea—they intended to build a breakwater and wharves. No steam engine required for ten or fifteen years—they mean to bring out the coals by adit levels on wooden rails. Intended to sell at 8s. cy. per Win. chaldron. The freight to St. John, N. B. would be not more than 5s. a chaldron—the same to Windsor and other ports of the Bay—coals would be sold in Windsor and in St. John from 14s. to 15s. per chaldron. They are not worked now, except by two poor Cornish miners, who sell from 300 to 500 chaldrons a-year—they are carried to St. John's, Windsor and Cornwallis—sold at the pit mouth for 10s. a chaldron, and are sold at St. John and other places at 14s. to 15s. These two fields nearly inexhaustible. Not aware of the extent of Coal at Cape Chignecto—do not think it is workable, not having been explored at all that I am aware of. The distance from the S. Joggins Shore to the River Hebert, 3 miles, where vessels of 200 tons could load. Railroad made of wood would cost £1,000 to £1,500 a mile—it is a level Line and a Railroad could be laid. The Company have ever said they would cheerfully pay the same Royalty as the Mining Company. The Company I do not think would come under any agreement to sell the Coals for a certain fixed price—could not foresee what is to happen. If the Company get a Lease they would agree to raise after 4 years, 40,000 chaldrons a year. They would pay the same rent, £3000 stg. a year, as the Mining Company, for the right of raising 50,000 chaldrons Newcastle, or 40,000 chaldrons of 36 bushels, being the Winchester or the measure used in this Province—to pay this after the fourth year,

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