

"this matter for us. We are willing to act in
 "harmony and conjunction with the heirs in Nova
 "Scotia to employ a reliable Chancery lawyer
 "to attend to this matter, and we think the one
 "recommended by the American Consul is the
 "one who will give the matter attention.

My reply to this letter dated Feb. 26th, 1878:

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 26th, 1878.

W. H. LE CAIN, Esq.—

Dear Sir,—

Your letter received, and contents
 well considered.

In behalf of the heirs in Nova Scotia I may
 say with reference to your suggestion and opinion
 about agents, that we are not in a position to
 employ a Chancery lawyer. Firstly—We have
 nothing tangible that is no direct data, or proof
 as to who Thomas Hyde, of Annapolis, was, and
 whether he left any estate or money. If we could
 offer or give a Chancery lawyer some one or more
 tangible points whereby and whereupon he might
 be enabled to proceed with the search, I feel sure
 the heirs would not hesitate in responding to your
 request on behalf of the heirs of the U States.

Secondly—If it is your opinion that without
 the counsel of a Chancery lawyer; and if it be
 your opinion that no assistance can be had from
 you and the heirs in U. States towards defraying
 any little expense which will be incurred by a
 further prosecution of the search in the hands of
 Cullmer or Gun, it might be well that you and