

OGDENSBURG, *September 30th, 1853.*

My dear Colonel,

I must thank you for your suggestion that I should visit the "Union Mine," for I have been highly gratified. I passed a whole day in a thorough examination of the locality. I went down each shaft, and examined the lode in each; I also inspected the dressing floor and the smelting.

In the smelting, it seems to me improvements may be made; but this is a matter entirely independent of the value and richness of the mine.

Being on the point of embarking in the Lake steamer, I have no time now to say more, than that I am entirely satisfied with the mine. *You have an advantage in possessing two intersecting lodes. At the junction you will, as all experience shows, find a large quantity of ore, the extra richness of which will extend to about 120 feet to the west. The part of this junction of the vein, already laid open, shows that theory and practice here agree. A cheering circumstance for you is, that in the lower level, about 100*