

the U. States heirs undertake your proposed course.

It certainly may prove not to be without advantage to employ so costly an individual as you have named, still the heirs here are seemingly contented with what information so far they have received from the parties they have employed, and are ill-disposed towards disbursing large sums until (as I have said before) they can lay hold of some material and fundamental start point. It is very difficult to procure even the smallest subscriptions or donations from many of the heirs here; and it is the expressed opinion of many that were your heirs to secure the services of a Chancery lawyer on your own individual and collective responsibility, such outlay, be it what it may, would not exceed, if equal the amount paid out by the heirs in this Province.

We have worked at an outlay amongst ourselves for a *long time*, and have managed to collect a *large store of documents and information*, such as they are; and it is possible something may transpire ere long, whereby we may be in a fitter position to acquiesce in your demands: I certainly hope so on behalf of the heirs, and we hope you may see fit to engage so learned a Solicitor without our present aid. I may here say, since scanning your letter again, that if it is the unanimous opinion of your heirs that a Chancery lawyer "will inform us in a short time whether we have any claim to this property, and what our chances are for getting it." You had better go ahead at once; and it may be the means of enticing the Nova Scotia heirs to act in concert, as I