

Shenwood Forest

My Dear Sir,

May 21. 1852

Mr. Saml. B. Carey who is di-
rectly from the vicinity of the lead in Kentucky
and in fact is a principal agent in the
working of the adjoining coal mines, will
bear this letter to Richmond to be there
mailed. He gives me a description of
the coal deposits ^{on the land} vastly exceeding any
thing I had supposed. He says that there
are some 500 acres underlaid with coal
and that he thinks and in fact has no
doubt but that there are from 5 to 7 ^{feet} strata
of coal of the finest quality from the strata
beginning near the surface and the last
being some 300 feet ³ below. Three different
seams he says have been developed by
himself independent of a vein of kernel
coal. I had supposed that a single seam
of 5 feet constituted the whole of it. He esti-
mates the coal on the land at 50,000,000 bush^{ls}

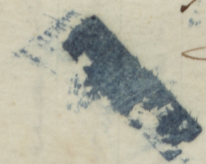
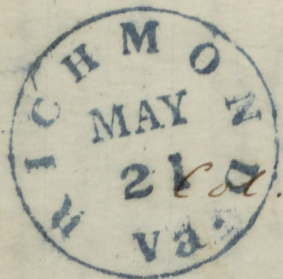
If a sale cannot be effected I think strongly
of letting the mines be worked at half a cent
per bushell by a company if one can be
organised. This would yield \$1000 per acre
and a million of bushells could be raised

annually - All this however does in no degree
vary my desire to sell the property, and if \$20,000
can be got it is better it should be sold - The
interest, ^{accruing} as large, and a few years delay
would augment the outlay and interest
~~on~~ the sums expended to a larger amount
than it might command - The bargain offered
to capitalists in the purchase never was
greater - Of that I am sure -

I thought I would give you the above
information derived from Mr. Carey as it
would enable you more successfully to
operate in the matter - My health I
hope is gradually improving, altho I am
still an invalid - We have suffered exceedingly
by in our crops for the want of rain and
the fly had threatened sad havoc with
our wheat but a rain two nights ago
has given a new face to things - and I begin
to hope for better results than were antici-
pated by my brother farmers a few
days ago - I hope that little Henry
has got the letter of the manylet and that
all are now well at Staten Island - With
best and affectionate regards to all

J. F. Fultz
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Col. D. G. Garrison



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