

St. Helens Land, Coal & Iron Co.

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The St. Helens Co. Co.

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Col. H. C. Mc Dewell,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by Mr. Procter that you have lately formed a Cannel Coal Co. called the Dictator Co. and that you had already bought up several thousand acres of Cannel Coal in Breathitt Co. He said that you were thinking somewhat of increasing the stock of your Co. and taking in more land. My object in writing you is to ascertain if you know of any lands adjoining yours that can be bought at a reasonable figure. Father wishes to buy two or three thousand acres and would like to have them adjoin yours as it would be valuable in case a railroad was projected there and if we could control considerable land, we could offer greater inducements to any railroad company that might come there and develop the property. If you decide to increase the stock of the Dictator Co. and buy more lands, Father might take say \$10000. stock in the Co. If so what would be Bed-Rock figures, Capital &c. Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly

G. F. Berry