

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company.

OFFICE OF THE COAL-DEPARTMENT,

WILLIAM R. STORRS,
GENERAL COAL-AGENT.

Scranton, Pa., Sept 8th, 1875

Dear Stourm Esq
Prest Grandin

Adverse claim
is made to the one half undivided part
of the Coal of the Woodward lease where we
propose to make our improvement. I have
notified the lessors, and they agree to fix the
matter as soon as possible. Meanwhile
it would seem to me best to defer sinking
Shaft there as we were arranging to do, as
we can better do it, before than after we
commence work.

The other proposed Shaft is on the Paige
lease so called at Kingston. Almost within
this there is $12 \frac{46}{100}$ acres of land owned by Mr
Frank Helme which I deem it important
to secure before we begin work on the Paige
property. I enclose small tracing showing
its relations to the leased lands. Our lease is
within the pink lines. The bound Helme on one
end, two sides, and the L & W R R at the other end.

Three years ago he offered it to us for \$15,000.
and you declined to take it. He now offers
it at \$20,000. Good an acre. The blue lines

2
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company.

WILLIAM R. STORRS,
GENERAL COAL-AGENT.

OFFICE OF THE COAL-DEPARTMENT,

Scranton, Pa., 187.....

Show two ways to get from main line to proposed Shaft - The one across Nelson's lot is a half mile shorter, than going out of Mt Beavers pit to or branch, which on 5,000,000 lbs of Coal Sept rates is \$25,000. Saved in Transpⁿ Nelson has the surface plotted for building to and calls it worth \$20,000. He thinks he has 50,000 lbs Coal per acre - He thinks there is 25,000 lbs per acre - This at 8¢ a lb would be what he asks for it - at 25¢ a lb royalty he would get 6,250 an acre, and on lease we could not expect to get it for less than that. At present he will not lease for 25¢

It is a big price, but not larger than we paid for Griffin, but we believe in our valuable property - while its location makes it every way desirable for us to control, both surface and coal -

I suppose we can take right of way over him but he would fight us, while by the other longer route we would have to go over two parties - Sam Hoyt, and one of Mt Beavers lessees Salugable land - The price seems to be high, but I think not more than its value to Nelson, or to us - If we had it I would not advise selling it for 25,000 an acre. I have the refusal at \$25,000 for all

3.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company.

WILLIAM R. STORRS,
GENERAL COAL-AGENT.

OFFICE OF THE COAL-DEPARTMENT,

Scranton, Pa., 187.....

This month - I don't think he will take any up - He wants \$10,000 cash - balance can remain on Mortgage as long as we like - I think if he knew we were soon to make an improvement he would want \$30,000.

The dear surface, north of our proposed branch will be north 700 to 800. an acre to us for a dump, by saving against a long haul which we will ultimately have to make on the leased lands, unless we have this - The lease gives us so much of the surface of "Pencil" & "Pier" as we require at \$100. an acre, but it would cost us more than \$1000. an acre to use the "Pier" or the front of the Pencil -

My feelings revolt against giving him such a price, but my judgement is that we should have it, and by no means let slip this opportunity of getting it - We could buy him at 20,000. but it should be done in such a way as not to forfeit our right at \$25,000 -

Will you please consider and advise what shall be done with it?
W. R. Storrs

