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To:
Mr, Rupert Furneaux,
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Mr, Furneaux:

Received your letter about three days ago, and am Just now getting around to answering it. I am sorry that we didn't have the chance to meet when you were here last year. The Irony of it is, that we were both here at the same time too.

I am told by Mr, Carsley, that you wish to write a book about Oak Island, If so, When and how soon?. I won't go into the details about the Island at this time, But only to say, that your theory is as practical as any ones at this time. And believe me there are many theories to this thing, however I will be Quick to point out that even if the correct theory was to be found, to correctly orientate the old markings will be no easy task, even when I knew where most of them ~~###~~ were. ~~###~~ As you know Mr, D, destroyed every one of them when he stripped the Island. However I am going to caution you on one thing, don't rely too heavy on what mr, D, wrote you on the survey which establishes the positions of the markers He's good at giving you the Idea of knowing where every thing is untill the time comes to prove it. (ie:) "He Knew where the treasure was too, without doubt" All he needed was me to come here and sink a shaft to it, when I checked every thing out he didn't know anything but how to dig holes, and he ~~couldn't~~ ^{didn't} do that ~~very good~~ ^{properly}, as it was proven out.

I Was the one who surveyed the south beach and came up with the answer to where the water course was, which was under the large stone triangle, I was the one who probed the Heddon shaft and found ~~####~~ proof that the water was coming from the south beach, I was the one who probed the old workings 128 feet down in the heddon shaft and 75 feet back to the south and discovered an old abandoned workings the water course from the south beach had broken through and Many other things too numerous to mention Mr, D, Capitalized on all of this work by me as the Halifax papers stated: "Key to Capt, Kidd Treasure Found" By Robert Dunfield. Which ment that I Had found the possible solution to the flooding course that flooded the 100 Ft, area that was giving everyone so much trouble. Dunfield wouldn't even risk his big toe to go into these areas, because of the danger involved ~~the~~ see for himself. all he wanted to do was dig a big hole and destroy the heddon shaft, Dan Blankenship and I together tried to get ~~out~~ Dunfield Away From the Idea, We did for a while, but he finally went back to his big hole, and then the thing flopped as you # know. ~~####~~

I know about Mr, Johnson's Theories, Too. Dunfield and I broke up our relationship because of many reasons and there ~~##~~ ~~##~~ has been

no good words spoken from him about me since. I understand that he and Dan Blankenship, had the same thing happen between them. However Dan was a heavy investor in the thing, #### I was not, and so he could not get rid of Dan as easy as he did me. I was to receive a share in the venture and all of my expenses, as it turned out all I received was \$400. and nothing else. And I payed all my expenses for the privilage to work for Dunfield, Hows that for a laugh. However I### know almost all of the skullduggery that he was up to, and there# is I believe only the three of us that know all this as well as a lot of other information that is important, but unknown to most people. You asked about the causeway, it seems to be doing fine. I even helped to put that thing in.

You mention that you have some Information to base your theories on -- what sort of information?

Also I #### don't think that Chappell Knows whether he is a foot or horseback, regarding the Island at this time. so far as the Province is concerned they don't want to buy it, and I think that just about all the ideas along that line has been tabled for now. However he still has his heart set on Dunfield, either buying it or trying to work some more with it, from all indications I think Mr.D, is feeding him some special kind of bird seed, in hopes of keeping his interest alive -- Just in case some of his old ideas might flame up again and put him back here. he has been trying to get some sort of promotion started in the papers in the U.S. however the news papers just will not bite. This is why he can't come back, he hasnt anything to come back with. But you can believe one thing, if there is a dollar to be made by him, from the Island, without him putting up his own money, He'll be here to try and pull some other stunt.

You mention in your letter that maybe we can work out something for our mutual benefits, -- perhaps we can, What do you have in mind? If you want to write a book, I have the information, Including some personal tape recordings of the things that happened, or if you want to dig the thing (the Island I mean) I have the majority of that Information also.

I didn't come to canada for my health, the first time, or for that matter this time either. I have no contracts with Dunfield, so can do as I please. So What ever you have in mind, get it here to me so I can think about it, as long as it is not Immoral, Illegal, or #### fatening, I'll go along.

It's "2" Am and I Find that I am getting pretty tired, so excuse the mistakes, and the spelling, it's funny about these typewriters some times, they just can't spell worth a darned. \ \ \ \

YOURS RESPECTFULLY:

Jim Lawrence