

Levant Mine,

Pendeen, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1916

S.O., CORNWALL.

Dear Sir

Yours of Dec: 29<sup>th</sup> to hand. I am afraid that you are asking a little more than I feel justified in giving, when you ask for a further 1 cwt of arsenic per ton.

I did not take the first sample sent you myself, but the surface manager did, and he has been accustomed to doing so for many years, and this was the first complaint which I received. The price was fairly good, and being new people I gave way a little, but I am afraid that, this is all I can do.

The last lot of arsenic delivered was I

believe very wet. It had a great deal of rain on it, but if you weighed it, I have no doubt but that you would have found the weight more than that given on the delivery note.

We have our arsenic assayed in London by a firm who has been doing our work for years, and their assays has never been down to any thing like the figures in your letter. I presume that you were speaking of the percentages in a dry sample.

It is not very far down here from Camborne, and I should prefer your own samples coming down, he will know then exactly when the moisture is in the arsenic when in the pile, or whether it is has got wet in transit.

I have 70 or 80 tons in the house ready for sale and will send you a sample, or come and take your own if you like to make me a bid for the lot, or he could do so for the 30 tons which you offered to buy, and then he would know whether it is 60% when sent away from here here

Yours faithfully  
John Nichol