

Lisbon Farm June 22d, 1840

Dear Uncle

in hopes that this will arrive before you leave the city to visit us I take up my pen to inform you of several things we begging fellows think we have need for. the rest that I would write I hope that you may be here to see for yourself. and that we may have the pleasure of your company &c. Mary arrived safely here. at hanover I should say. and she says that she has an increased appetite since her arrival. but it is a pity she does not receive so much pleasure from that as she should. because some impudent fellow that she appears to think of much has told her that she is ("quite fat enough"). In fact it appears plane that this same fellow has taken possession of her whole thoughts. Mr. Toby says she is fat enough. Mr. Toby is so very bashful. he come so near gettng lost in the Lexington. He is going to N. England next month. and so she goes the whole time you are with her.

One of the chief difficulties that I have experienced since I have commenced farming has been the difficulty of obtaining a suitable hand on the farm. so that my work get behindhand oftener than it should and every thing is not done that ought to (be) done. I have not had the buildings whitewashed it would have spoilt the appearance of it in putting up the troughs which have been waiting for R. Dimond some time but he has not come as yet according to promise. and besides Richard says that the roof should be tared with coal tar. and that I should send to you. the number of feet in them. and that if you saw proper you could send to me that tar and according to his directions I have approximated to their extent. and send you the result. which as follows.

Barn	2944	sqare feet
cow house	620	do
slaughter stable	792	do
wagon house	676	do
house	3720	do
	3/	<u>9752</u> sq feet
		3250 yards, 2 feet

I received from the rail road two bushels of clover seed but no herd grass or timothy. herd grass I think is the only grass that is certain of taking on the sand field and clover itself would be a near lottery like thing by itself. If you where to send me some other grass besides clover you would ~~much~~ ~~like~~ me if you should send Orchard grass please remember that requires two bushels per acre when sown by self and one bushel when sown with clover. Some of it and clover and a little herd in my oppinion would be the very best for the sand field. Besides grass seed I cannot obtain a gringstone in this part of the country. and I am very much in whant of one.

I intend to commence mowing next Monday and harvest hands at least the best workmen demand cash for there wages. besides I promised to pay a man some thirty dollars for furniture purchased soon after I come here about this time and I expect that he will be on to me for it now pretty soon.

I have not taken, nor offered to take Mr. Gibbs harvesting to do for him. I offered to purchase it in the spring. he said what for a time and he would let me know as he would not let me have it then. nor has said nothing to me since about it. I whant nothing to do with it. The crop of grain

in the extent of my jourcing<sup>(sic)</sup> between here and Pemberton is very good indeed. but some make loud complaints about the failure of the crop as is usual at this season of the year.

This drying season has been very favourable for the crops of grass and everybody but me have good, great crops of grass and mine is better than last year in the same situation.

Hoping to see you soon

I remain your affectionate nephew

James A Fenwick.