

Lisbon Farm July 31st-67

Dear Andrew

I heard from you through Mary's letter. and I thank you for the offer you have made.

I scatched to gather \$180 from sales of Lambs & calves. and payed upon the Notes in Bank. and through great favour got them renewed for the balance. And as the largest for \$640 was indorsed by old Frank Harris' son Daniel, they objected. but having plenty of money I suppose it was done on that account. But this money I payed on the notes makes me short for running expences of the season. And my son was told to come to N.York July 1st to receive an answer about a place and stayed week after week, being put off from time to time and come home without a place. G A Wicks & co his old firm failed with debts of 2.000.000. and wish to compromise by paying sixty cents on the dollars and go on again. they will expect to know about it about the middle of August. and some of the other firms. think business will be likely to change about that time, and I suppose my son should go on again then but how to raise the money for him I do not see. and his whole thoughts centers on this kind of business. and at the close of September the notes in Bank come due Cranberris are to pick. which pins me on the spot. I have a bill for lime now due and also one for Grass seed & c. It is hard to settle down to plodding labour with such things on the mind.

But how does it effect the future. I must have to advance. or by stoping sink a little lower. By winter I want more cows say six, a bill of Grass seed say fifty Dollars. and more lime this fall & next spring & c
I forsook this nd proposed a loan. To obtain it their was no other way but to Mortgage but I did not get it. and you say I had better not. The only resourc I can see is to sell my Farm if I could sell the part that has the building upon it. I could scrach along with the Balance of an hundred Acres. but could not put up a house such as I could live in without I should be poorer than I think I am. It would be more difficult to sell the meadow part without buildings. And a neighbour advises me that the whole Farm of 214 Acres is too large for the body of Farmers to purchase. Would it not be better to advertize the whole farm. at privet sale with the offer to sell either half about a hundred Acres in each.

O it goes hard with me to sell the old house when I was reaching forward to near being established. that a single good crop would have saved it. and two of them made me independent of a bad one. Faith in old farm was lost. but was fast being regained. could I have but cided the means. such as a good crop would have furnished. But to sell the Farm money should be used. the buildings white washed and fixed up about & around. The true time to sell had not arrived

But should the Farm be sold what then. my plan was to retire to Pemberton with my family. and spend all my time & money improving a portion of my Cranberry Bog. which in a few year should I have water enough for the bog would furnish me with the means to live. with an outlay of two or three thousand directly to improving a portion. Or in addition should I have the means to purchase ten Acres near the village. with an outlay of Seven thousand for purchase & buildings & c it would be more like a home, than a dirty village. and go towards furnishing a living by growing fruits & vegetables. But these are not the question now. untill these money is payed. the Farm sold. or something else. I have not go the for a good salesmen. and under the circumstances it comes harder. neither have I the to die out by inches. as a few years back I was doing. I must do what I know should be done. or sell out the Farm and let some one else do it. Any advise you have to give will be thankfully recieved. and I will try to profit by it

I am thankfully yours James A Fenwick