

Cleafield June 12th 1881

Andrew M. Jones

My dear sir

I arrived here in due time for all that the rivers were flooded. and found them all very busy with preparation for the great event. the different presents to the bride came pouring in untill they have numbered 64 givers I think. the McLeods & Agnews sent and so many from Meadville and about here they appear to have many friends. The afternoon of my arrival I went with the party to the church to practice our parts. and as I was to give away Anne I with it. my feelings rebeled against this. but at a world from Anne they stoped short of any scakralige. and it was wonderfull how they obeyed her. as a queen would should be yet she was without harshness. or roughness. At the time for staring for the church the rain come down in torrents but the bridggoom had plenty of good tight carriges for us to ride in. No one but invited guest were allowed in the church. and they were all assembled when we arrived. which we did without soiling the fine dresses. having carpets spread to the church doors. we assembled in the vestibule. I took the bride on my arm. sent the others ahead. up to the chancel rail. and Rev McClare began the service. and we all done our parts very well so Mrs. Sophie Barette says, who was wonderfully anxious about it. and then I walked out with sister on my arm to the vestibule and gave the pritty bride a kiss, and did not forget to give a second one from you, and returned home. and we had a cold colation for about seventy guests, and we had a very good time all around. The people are full of the praises of Lex Powell, he has always been a good boy, although his sister says that his master turned him out of school for sticking pins in the other boys and several other pranks she mentioned. They say that he is worth about twenty five thousand dollars. and get a living sallery. and an interst in the business at Chicago. has made the money himself. and is about 36 years old. He presented Anne with some valuable dimonds. and some expensive lace for her wedding dress. he is quiet in his manner and has been diffident, a very respectable looking young fellow, that had big boi along side of his nose the day of his marriage. He is I think a member of the Presbyterian church with the rest of his family. O what quantities of people called next day. the bride & groom started for Phil<sup>a</sup> the day of the wedding and arrived at the Girard house next morning. and left for New York. and will go to Montreal before returning to their home in Chicago.

It cleared up yesterday. and I took a ride across this beautiful picturesque country.

I called on Mr Josiah Smith who says that he was a schoolmate of yours and your brother Walter. the old gentleman who talks very much. or he did then,

Margaret relation to the people of the place appears to be very pleasant. and they appear to be very nice people. Fenwick and I start in the early train to morrow morning he to his work in Williamsport, and me to Chicago & thence to Wisconsin, to stay as short a time as the people who have written to me for advice in Cranberry culture. will let me.

Respectfully yours

James A Fenwick