

Lisbon Farm March 28th, 1859

Dear Andrew

Yours of March 17th was received by me. and I must say that for unselfish acts of kindness that involve both thought and action. yours to me are greater than I have received from anyone beside. I thank you for it. as giving a better opinion of my fellowmen.

I have scarce enough of hardness in my disposition to deal with this world, and from sheepishness of disposition and nervous temperament or something besides have made few friends if any. with a little more of hardness I feel now that I understand my business so as to bring success. but with those I have associated if sympathy for want of suckness in my business was needed there where not capable to judge if I had deserved it. but if fire should have destroyed my building then no doubt I should have had it. I have felt alone. Neighbour Morris is not capable to judge of Farming business besides his acts prove him no friend of mine but stuffed with selfishness. if he had not been the husband of Anne E. Jones he should have heard more from me than he has. he is certainly little, and I think I say this out of the heat of passion or excitement. or rather have felt that it was true when in that state. but you must excuse me I am apt to dwell on self and perhaps had better left Morris alone this time.

Mary wants a girl the one she has now is married and is going to keep house. Cousin Anne Morris' girls have notified her that they both intended to leave. so she is in trouble. there is a great time for servants girls in this section among the farmers. The spring is early the Robin. Black & Blue Birl & Meadow Lark give a merry choras in the Orchard & field the Red bird & sparrows in the brambles. and we soon shall have a number others to join the Chorus. winter grain has been injured by the excessive wet freezeing & thawing winter where the farmers have neglected carefull & thorough water. furrows but not otherwise and looks handsome in its bright green.

I have planted from the seed bead, of our pound of Osage Orange planted last spring, some forty rods of hedge. which has taken considerable labours on account of the deep taproots that they have. it is the only native plant that has been successfully for that purpose. and promises well. without wattleing as the English thorns mostly have to be. Please give my best respect to Mrs. Jones and believe your most sincerely

James A Fenwick