

Pemberton Feb 4th 1843

Dear Uncle

in looking over the accounts that Andrew made out from your books I find my means greater than I expected. but I can never be paid for what I have expended without I remain on the farm for three or four years longer. and I cannot see that I could be justified in making improvements that will run me to so much expence as I have done for these several years past. a few more years at the rate I have been going on would sink all that I am worth in the farm. The meadows that I have been working have been the most fruitfull sorce of expence of any one thing. requiring a great quantity of labour. and yeilding but small return in crops oweing to the uncertainty of the soil. I have allso done something to the fences. orchard &c.

This new barn you are going to have built I have been persuading R to have it put up before the grass and grain is in such a situation to be more injured that is before vegetation gets started. Richard talks of putting it in such a situation that it can be altered to a side hill barn. if it should be wanted at any future time. it will be a considerable loss to me. if it is not put up before the carters & carpenters can trample my grain or grass when they are at work at it.

I have given an order on you to R Wilkins for one hundred and twenty five dollars. and if it is convenient please send me one hundred dollars by mail. and oblige yours&c as ever

James A Fenwick.