

Lisbon Farm May 30th 1864

Dear Andrew

As my son informed me that you were looking out for some situation for him.

I write to inform you that he has obtained one the city of New York. in the firm of Wicks, Smith & Co. Dry Good Jobbers. They would not name any sum that they would pay. but agreed to pay him what he earned. with a good opening for an advancement from time to time. and it is a house with extensive business.

He went to New York and passed round from store to store untill he found an opining. In this he has shown some energy and determination. to enter into the mercantile business.

Some three or four Farmer boys from this neighbourhood are in that city and he had obtained board with them. the same room with them. at Six Dollars per week. These boys have been there some time. and the first year obtained \$140 to 250 per Annum, One at the end of two years obtains enough to pay his board and cloth himself. And Dick Haines. has been there a number of years had the choise of \$15.000 per annum. or to enter as Junior Partner, he accept the latter a few years since is married and doing a heavy profitable business with not a dollar to begin upon ten or twelve years since. Neighbour Haines only helping him by paying his board the first two or three years. No doubt that Dicks success and the other boys having succeeded in a measure has set my son be dissatisfied. on the Farm. were we have been so poor all our lives. And it has been to poor & large for successfull farming with the means on hand.

But now I am to pay his board for a year or two. and judging by past experiance this will be uncertain from the profits of the Farm. but the last two years the Cranberries would have done it if the Farm had not been so much behing hand. The Farm has been Underdrained to a considerable extent. Proving the value of the land that has fa led to produce without them the drains. But before I received the money from France through you. I thought surely I would have to be sold out. In my anxiety derided by those that I expected were my friends. One of them I now think has been by enemy always but so little that it should not have amounted to much but for my weekness in considering the Jones family as my friends. Since I have known him he has lent me fifty Dollars for a month or two twice. which was payed principle & interest. from this he claimes to have be-friended me to a large extent. but I claime that he has made use of me and my property to a larger extent than this. and misrepresented me and my family & business as my Enemy. And during these times I have feared that you who have done repeated acts of kindness towards me, recognized noting of the dig-nity of a Man in Me, but a poor devil to dole out favours. No doubt I was in a great measure wrong in this last case. but in state of nervous excitement I was in, caused me to look on the dark side of all men. This shock on my nerves remains still so that I cannot sleep for half a night at a time, and the sunshine affects my head. I took up my pen to thank you on act^s of my son.

Yours truly

James a Fenwick