

Lisbon Farm Feb 16th 1843

Dear Uncle

Yours of the eighth come to hand in due time, and I was sorry to see judging from the tone of your letter that I had given offence which I assure you was unintentional on my part. I did not mean to say that my situation was a hard one because I payed to much for the farm or anything on your part. but I ment that I had spent my money freely and even lavishly upon the farm and that I had not meet with a return such as even these bad times would allow. and I think it a duty that I owe myself to reduce my expences. consiquently to hire less help. and as this help will be more ingaged in attending to my own crops and of corse the improvement of the farm will not advance as fast as heretofore. I do not mean to say by this that I will slight any field that I have under cultivation but wished to mention to you candidly & openly what I thought upon the subject. in the same manner we have heretofore carried on our c̄rrespondence.

As to the barn I whant it put up. an thankfull that you are going to have it put up. but I would prefer to have it built in the spring rather than have built in the summer when the workmen. teams &c would trampul down the half grown mowing grass. which will surround the barn. I own that I was negligent in not mentioning that I should whant money soon. as to economy and calculation. I cannot judge off that in my case. but must leave it to some more experiances person. not being aware in what I am estray.

there are yet five head of cattle that I have not payed for & lime & marl that I have purchases on act. for grain at the mill &c all have to be payed this spring if possible. which will make an amount of several hundred dollars.

We expect that Margaret & E will be up on Sat-<sup>ay</sup> next and will be in Pemberton for them. if they are not. please tell them to write on that day.

You must please excuse these pieces of paper as it is all that I have on hand.

I remain as ever yours &c

James A Fenwick