

Lisbon Farm Feb 23d, 1865

Dear Andrew

We received your letter inclosing the money on Sunday last. On Monday I hurried away to your city to purchase Clover Seed, and your receipt was forgotten. I was dressed too warm, or something else and I am now at home with a bad cold taken or increased on that day. I suppose you have heard that I sold my Cranberries for \$2500. the years cost of the Cranberry Farm, including picking barreling &c amounting to about \$1000. to be deducted from this amount. The crop was larger than ever. 138 barrels. but one half the vines had but few upon them. Should the vines ever furnish a crop like the vines that were their, when I first got it in 1857. the crop would be double or treble this amount in barrels. Or if I should have held on to my berries this season as late as last year. the gross amount would have been \$4000. allowing largely for shrinkage. Lisbon Farm has done poorly again the Wheat killed by the winter. the Corn shortened by the drought. on the uplands. the Wire worm in the Meadows.

Farms are selling for high prices this winter. should they continue so untill next Fall. perhaps it would be best for me to sell out Cranberry Farm and all. and settle up affairs and go away to Verginia. Or make some change. For I have but few friends in this part of the Country.

We have glorious news from Sherman. and as they make the call for this 300.000 take more men from us than the \$500.000 call done. no doubt our Generals will have plenty of men. to bring to close the war. I am
sincerely yours &c.

James A Fenwick