

New Lisbon N. J. Jan 25th 1873

Andrew M. Jones

Dear Sir

I have received the inclosed letter today and I feel that the thing is not in proper hands. Chrisfield is a new town at the terminus of the Maryland R. R. on the Eastern shore of Maryland I suspect. and the lawyer at that place got the affair into his hands by the letter of the Frenchman being directed to Cherryfield Md. directed I guess to ~~my~~ Attorney. It is a matter of ~~some~~ ^{some} importance or the Frenchman is crazy to expend money upon it in this loose way and asks no money untill he gets a portion of the estate recovered at his expence.

If we could drop the Chrisfield lawyer and communicate direct with the French writer himself. it would be much better I certain Mrs Colonel They of Baltimore is still hunting up the Fenwick Mason &c French spoliation claims, has been to see ~~J~~ Edwin Coad several times about it. and wrote to me last winter on this subject. Edwin says that no doubt they are recorded at Washington, and so cousin William wrote me once.

Please return the letter of C&D some time. they are dispondent but a larger fee will soon cure that I imagin.

We that is Mary & Myself and the old simple woman in the kitchen have had most wretched colds and we have had to give up working

Farming is the most wretched business now, & we have lost several hundred Dollars worth of chickens with "cholera". and the loss of our Cranberry crop last year made the good crop of Cranberries of this year necessary, but should we be fortunate enough to repeat such crops of berries as all have every hope of doing we shall be rich.

We never have made the Farm pay. yet we have improved it. I am anxious to try small fruit in a small way. and hope to plant some next spring, if I feel able to do so. With my best regards to Caroline

Truly yours

James A Fenwick