

Lisbon Farm April 27th 1865

Dear Andrew

I send my son to you. because I am ignorant (perhaps) to advise him about entering into a Merchantile life. and that you can advise him from past experiance and trusting in a kind intèrest you have taken in me you can perhaps influence him to his future good.

We know him to be truthfull conscientious & obediant. he would have stuck at farming at my word. but expressed a preferance for a Merchantile life. Thinking perhaps this would pass away he has been kept on the Farm a ~~li~~ttle later in life than he should have been. But as he still thought he would be better satisfied in the Mercantile way. and having the means, last fall I sent him to Eastmans Business College. he has returned home this week with a Deploma. having obtained it as soon as the brightest & most indus-trious commonly do. (allowing for a spell of sickness wile their) In a class of 1500 Boys or young men.

Neighbour Haines Sons & a son of Mr Wells are in New York. at first they could not get enough pay. to more than half balance the board Bills. but in a few years it grows larger that is the Pay. Thany refused an offer of Stewart the great New York Dry Good Merchant of \$150 per annum. on the ground that he could not live upon it. But I wrote to him saying that he would have to depend upon me for a few years. and that present prospects looked as if it could be done from my means.

But since he has come home he tells his Mother that he does not like to be dependant upon me. And to day he goes to Ten Eyck late Member of the United States Senate to inquire about a situation in the Treasury Office in Washington.

Now it appears to me that a Clerkship in this department leaves no ro~~om~~<sup>it</sup> for advansing to anything beyond. and that would be best to enter into some business house and learn the business. and struggle along a few years. and then the road would be open upward & onward.

You would oblige me by talking to him on these subjects and give him~~e~~ some advice.

I am truly yours cousin

James A Fenwick