

New Lisbon Sep 25th 1845

Dear Uncle

I have but now returned from Burlington were I have been to take my cousins the Mr Flowdens and W Coad. who we were very much gratified to see.

The scow is now about to get under way and I find that the cost will be more than I expected. but we have considered that when it is once made it will be a permanent fixture for our three farms for some thirty years. that it is necessary to go on with it. and you would very much oblige us by sending a keg of five inch boat spikes and ten pounds of oakum. by John Haviland's stage.

The portion of the sand field I was to sow on shares is sown and the guano & Prudette put upon it but the portion you wished me to sow for pasture I did not put in. intending first to write to you to tell you that rye pasture spoils the taste of milk by giving a bad taste both to the milk and butter. and Sam & myself thought it best for this reason to prepose sowing it with oats in the spring as that is free from the falt that rye pasture has. and the part that is not sown is sheltered by the fence and wood from the drifting winds. The fence is continued across the fields to the oak. but the cross fences, we did not put up. as I wished to see you about it first. indeed I had expected you last Saturday.

I remain yours &c as ever

James A Fenwick