

New Lisbon April 6th 1843

Dear Uncle

I write to acknowledge the reception of a check for two hundred dollars which you sent me some time last week.

In your letter you mention that there must be something wrong some want of economy. in the management of my affairs that requires so much money if there is anything wrong I am not aware of it no expensive living. no expensive clothes. and no expensive ways that I no of excepts it is smoking some fifteen or twenty dollars of segars per year. save this I do not believe there is five dollars goes out of my pocket per year excepting for the house or the farm. Upon the farm I do my best for you and myself. though the last mentioned personage I had thought had been to much neglected. as you saw in a letter I wrote you a few weeks past. If you have me sow the sandfield with grass seed I think and do not you also think that it would be better to mik hurdgrass with the clover seed. I have heard it several times remarked by my neighbours that clover is apt to die out on light sand. wile herd and other grasses would live. and form a sod. if you say so send me two bu of clover and six of herd grass seed. if not send what you think most proper. but you would oblige by sending me a bushel of timothy seed by Sloans stage soon.

I have got the most of my grass seed sown put on at the rate of a bushel to five or six acres. The frost has been in the meadow untill to day so that we could not plough. in consequence of the snow on Wednesday. it is now to wet for it so that my oats will be in late.

With love to all I remain as ever

James A Fenwick