

Lisbon Farm Sep 25th 1857

Dear Andrew

Last night I returned from the bog where I have been staying for two nights past. and we have about 44 bu of Cranberries picked. I have got along pritty well. but have some women with long tungs to deal with also some given to quarreling. and woman I find are generally more close in a bargin than men. some have hefused positively to work on my terms. although good hands make a dollar a day. thought I have no doubt that I can get them picked on my terms. if I have the cash. I owe them already about 22 dollars. and probable will owe them 4 or five times that amount when done. (say in a week or ten days)

Having not heard from you about that order on Jones & co I suppose it has not been accepted. and must get along without it. and also there has been tight times with all in the city. but you would oblige me by sending me some change in quarters halves &c say ten dollars. (and I will sent Mrs Jones some cranberries as the interest on the lone) and try to raise the rest by forcing off some potatoes. although it is to busy a time with seeding rye, cutting up corn diging potatoes picking apples &c which makes this season(?) trying a one for such opperations. it requires my constand attendance with the pickers because there are elements there which would breed a civil war without firmness, mildness. and constant attention.

With much regards to you and Caroline  
I remains your cousin

James A Fenwick