

Lisbon Farm Aug 28th 1862

Dear Andrew

I have been sorry to hear that of late your health has not been very good. and I am sorry to bother you at this time.

But I have a son whoes education has been very much neglected. and when you sent me word that you had drawn on Flurot at twenty day. it raised the expectation that I should be able to send him away to Boarding School this winter.

Now I would like to have your oppinion as to its being safe to venture an outlay for this purpose. of an hundred dollars when I can see no other way to pay it but this. And as I have not done my duty to the boy. and it is the last chance as he is growing old and large. I must ventureSome. The boy is industreous & conscientious, a good boy.

The two principle articles of the product of Farm. Calves and Pork, are very low. from the effect of the times. the income then here must be smallish.

The crop of Cranberries is now larger than I have had for several years. but the frosts of the last week in May. distroyed the tender sprouts that contained the blossom buds. over a large extent of the bog. But still we estimate the crop at 300bushels. which at one dollar per bushel lower than the average of the last six years. would make them worth \$900~~0~~. deducting \$400 for expences. leaves \$500. This would be first rate if we had not done so bad the two years previous. but it is nothing to what it would have been but for these unseasonable frosts. and the frosts have done the mischief the two previous years and in 60 the distruction come after this the eight day of September distroying the unripened berries.

I am now imployed in making heaps of turf. with darft holes. to be fires internally. and covered with Sand to keep the sparkes from flyin. the difficulty is to make them burn and yet to have them safe from setting fire to the whold neighbourhood perhaps burn up the growing crop. but I have succeeded in making them burn with a covering of sand like into Coal pits. And turf burnt cleans up the ground for a plantation or patch. The unseasonable frost occur. on calm, still, bright mornings. and at such times the smoke will form in a fog cloud over the meadow. and protect the berries from the frost. And if so I shall have overcome the only difficulty. that has prevented me from making money by this cultivation. other difficulties that have occured are small in comparison.

Samuel H. had been at home a month. has been to Halstead once. otherwise I dont think he has been further from the house than end of garden. very inactive. His little wife appears to be very domestic. and should think a loveable little women. dusts the room every day. has never been to the far end of the garden. rather inactive. Sam complains of being unwell. but far from looks it. Mrs Toby thinks he would be better if a little more active. Miss Mary Tobey. Sally and her wonderfull baby are at Halstead. there are all well there. With my best regards for Mrs. Jones

I am truly Yours.

James A Fenwick