

Lisbon Farm Sep 22nd 1867

Andrew M. Jones
Philadelphia

Dear Andrew

I received your check for two hundred Dollars. as a loan to carry me through untill I can realize on my Cranberries, on Saturday. For which I am much obliged.

I am frightened about the large crop of Cranberries it is estimated that there is 20.000 Blls in the New Jersey pines. and I think the estimate is too small.

Cranberries are now selling for 12 to 11\$ per Blls. but what price they will be two weeks hence I cannot immagin My berries do not color red as soon as those that are in the market. I commence on Wednesday the 25th and I fear that the price will come down with the immense crop east & west before mine get into Market but still at \$10 per Bll mine must (from the estimate of the man at the Bog) produce me \$2000. But it will cost me at 60 cts per bu for picking. \$500 in money for the woman beside the team and two mens wages also \$150 for Barrels. this with the notes in Bank will use up a large portion of it. The market may be so glutted for a time that I cannot realize on them untill January or Frbruary. and as mine have been the best keeping berries in this neighbourhood. it may pay be 100 per cent to keep them but I shall forward to the city as fast as I pick for a time and stop when it gets below the old averages of twelve Dollars per barrel (in the city) as soon as all the cultivated berries are picked. (the wild ones being the best keepers) so that should I be forced to hold I can do so at the best advantage.

I am yours truly

James A Fenwick