

Lisbon Farm Dec 20th 67

Dear Andrew

Please find inclosed an order on G & R no 9 Dock St pr two hundred Dollars with interest for ninety days.

It has made me scratch to pay any pickers 1100\$ cash for cutting up corn &c and meet my notes in Bank due to day but it is done. I am thankfull to say. and the Cranberries have done it and I have 150 Barrels on hand yet. My crop of berries reached 1430 bushels but have been the most expensive crop per bu that I have ever gathered. it will reach over \$2000 for expences. I sold them as soon as picked. untill we come to parts that had been flooded about Sep 1st they were then so mixed with yellow scalded berries that they would not sell without being culled. to cull them required a warmed room. I was confined at the bog. and could not attend to it. Seven long weeks was I confined to that bog attending to picking

I shall be forced to build more houses for shelter for pickers. from this years experiance it requires for twice as many as you require because they leave there families. and are off and on attending to their own affairs. So finally they said they could not stay any longer. and then we had to ride round the country for ten miles from the Bog and get new hands. and unfortunately for me an Easterly storm appear to be threatning. about that time. the days were getting short. and some of them cold. I had to advance the price to one Dollar per bu for picking. An other thing that increased my expences is that a sharp frost near the twentieth of October softened the berries wonderfully. more more in some parts of the bog than others. and many of these have to be culled out. So that I do not have as many bu to sell as I hoped for picking. but I have hopes that my berries will produce \$4000 when all sold. here has been four or five times as many berries picked in Jersey this year than ever of a season before. and still they sell for remunerating prices. Many hundred barrells have been shipped direct from Pemberton to the western cities. Chicago. St. Louis Indianapolis &c and I infer that it payed well as the same parties shipped a second time after getting returns from the first shipment. We older hands felt that the large crop would test the whold matter. The large crop would glut the market. but as it has not we do not fear glutting it. with a very much increased production. from new plantations as this season has been wonderfully favourable to Cranberry bogs that were not to much flooded. The amount produced of a season is not likely to reach this seasons crop for several years to come except under the same favourable circumstances of continued rains in midsummer that we have had this season. 1857 was such a year. but none since untill 1867. My farm has been advertized since on October in the county paper at Private sale. no one has come to look at it. that I know of. It would perhaps be the best an other season. (as the present season for selling is nearly over) to advertize wider at private sale and at a certain time at Public sale. My son is at home with noting to do. the Dry Goods business is all at odds & ends and he fwels much discouraged. and I am perfectly at a loss what to do. he never took to farming. Should he turn to it now and show any tact in it. if I could scratch through perhaps we could do best with the Farm. but I am completely at a loss to know what is best. but think that should he get along in the store and give satisfaction to his imployers as he did in N.Y. I still think it would be best for him in a store could he obtain a situation.

Let me thank you for the loan of this money. the confidance you have shown in me is some thing. And as you desired it I am thankfull that I am able to return it to you promptly and the end of ninety days.

With my best regards to you and Mrs Jones

I remain truly Yours

James A Fenwick