

Hanover Jan 11th 1840

Dear Uncle

Richard informs me that you are willing to rent me Lisbon farm on the same terms that Mr. Gibbs has had it, and I am agreed to take on those terms, for although the farm yields but verry (sic) little more than half as much pasturage and hay as when he come (sic) on to it, yet it appears to me that he had it on rather cheep termes. Mr. Gibbs has not sold a load of hay, nor fatened one steer this season, and yet the barn is emty as far down as the platform, and there is but little over the cow stalls, and I don't see but that he intends making the supply less next year as he has his cows on the best hay meadows, two or three days in every week, trampling every living thing to death.

One of my chief object in writing to you was to know if anything was to be done to the fences, that on the road from Lisbon to the County H. is in a most miserable condition and nothing can render it impervious to cattle and hogs but a new fence, and if there is one the rails must come from here as there are none on the place, even the piece, where Mr. Gibbs put the (m?) are worm, is made of old rails and in my oppinion the whole distance should be made of new rails. and those old ones help patch the other fences on the place which some of which (sic) you well know are very much in want of an edition, if you wish any rails hauled there you had better tell Richard yourself as he is slow in disposing of them so unprofitable. and would not listen to me. I also heard some accounts from him of some marl that was to be bought and spread. but I am afraid it will be the Alpha Omega of that concern, without you erge him immediately to action.

I suppose that you will want a kiln of lime burnt and spread this spring. and I wished to enquire if I had not best set a man to shop some wood for that purpose. there are also several gates which I should like very much to have hung. but there are no such thing as gate posts. but I could find some good white oak trees in the woods on the place. but to last they should be cut before the spring comes.

Esquire Hains set p his place at public sale. and refused several offers none of which. I think exceed thirty six dols per acre. Mr. Gibbs says that they offer farms to him to rent at rates to high for him, and he has taken a house n Pemberton. intending to live by working the remainder of his farm, query how will he.

I remain as ever your

James A Fenwick.