

Lisbon Farm Dec 31st 1843

Dear Uncle

it appears that I have done wrong in not coming down before the year was out to sign those papers. but I assure that it did not arise from negligence or not wishing to come but it arose from an oppinion expressed by Richard when here. that he thought when the deed for the farm &c where ready that one arrend to town would do for all the business. Margaret infors me by letter that she will be out of town this week and I expect that we should be there together. therefore I will not come down untill I hear that you wish me to come.

The due bill that I gave for my cattle the drover has transfered to to some other hands I expect as it has not reached me yet so that I still have AM. Jones & Brothers check for ninety dollars. I suppose there will be one other call for money soon to good amount as I have given orders on the store to pay my hands.

We last evening received a letter from Dr. James C. and he says that I shall have to pay two hundred dollard for taxes & agents fees that have been long standing. for this I will be in possession of property to the amount of many thousand dollars. all of wich he will explane to me when we meet. thesesare his words He cannot leave home now. and I do not like to go there as his wife is every day expect to give birth to a child.

I am now getting the marl on the place as fast as I can. and the Sykies say not a word. but I am very much afraid that I shall get out of bounds of the acre as I do not know where they are and cannot find any corners or lines.

Instaid of haveing Mr. Hilliard for an neighbour Job Butterworth the teamster has purchased eighty acres of the best of his land for twenty dollars per acre and Job is going to make a farm there.

Now since I have finished my letter let me wish you a happy new year and send kindly greeting to all friends. and remain yours as ever

James A Fenwick

N.B. I forgot to mention that my little wife and me get on most admirable well together.