

Berlin Sept 22nd 1867

Dear and respected father

We received

your letter in which you speak of Enos as being in destitute circumstances and asking us to aid in assisting him to get a start. I should like to do a great deal for him if I could. It is true we have an extra amount of land, but our circumstances can hardly be judged by that, as it is either mostly in a wild state or quite poor.

Harvey has been helping Hiram and Hollis to start in life, and as Hiram is far from home, what he has done for him required money, besides it has taken a good deal of the same to start Hollis, as he is on new land, and has had to have a large outlay for breaking teams, and

tools, besides a great deal of hired help, and we are here living in a shanty, and toiling to our utmost, to make our selves comfortable for the winter. This place is rather poor soil, but we have now got fruit, and some other things started here, which makes us a prospect for a home for old age, if we are permitted to live till that time. If Enos was here we could and would place him on a piece of land and let him have a team, and cow, and a few sheep, and help him to make himself comfortable right along.

I must ask your pardon for not answering your letter dated Apr 27th. I did not get it till the last of June, and intended to answer it soon but I had no time during the week and on Sundays felt too tired for any exertion either of body or

mind I should like very much to
visit you all this fall if it was
possible, but see no prospect of it at
present, but yet do not give up all
hopes of going some time

Please give my love to all
and accept a great deal your
self, From your Daughters
Mary