

Leslie NY  
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My Cyrus Walker  
Albany Ore

Friend Walker

As it is drawing near time for our last lease to expire. I will have to make different arrangement for the next one. you have had the place for several years practically free the House is badly in need of a coat of paint. I suppose one good heavy coat would do and would improve the chance to sell it. I suppose a painter would charge about 60 = for the job. what I propose is that you paint the House. for the use of it for ten or the year if you wish to keep it. I suppose you could do most of the work of painting it your self. so save painter charge. I can not afford to keep the place bringing me in no income. as I suppose it will soon need more repair. as for the orchard. I will do no more planting as I believe it is useless to bother any longer with the tree. my term will be the farming & taxes for the use of the place

Have had a very bad year here. big  
loss in Cattle in the storm lost many  
and beef is away down now. I expect to  
quit the business this fall. Hope you  
are all well and prospering with  
kind regards to all friends I await  
your reply

yours truly  
J. M. Rabb