

Dinton - Dalwood Letters

'Dinton',
30th April, 1838

My dear George,

I herewith send you a copy of the Will and Probate of your poor dear mother, and a copy of residuary account as passed by me at the Staff Office thinking you would wish to know all about it. I also have sent a Legacy Receipt for you to sign and return to me, the great balance of which I will forward to you when I remit the money of the will, and which I hope to be able to do next month, when I shall go to London to see Mr. Hunter and enquire what he has done regarding the wool you consigned to him. It is quite wonderful how many agricultural labourers are embarking at present for Sydney. Sixty from Bishopston, and several from Fovant, and also from Bower Chalke, are going to Cowes to-morrow for that purpose.

Thomas Biffen, with his family, of Fovant, I am told by his late employer is one of the very best fellows that any work on a farm he has ever knew, only he is fond of a little drink now and then.

Francis and John have been in the forest hunting with the Queens staghounds the last week. They have excellent sport, notwithstanding the severe weather we have had ever since Christmas. They care both just returned, and have left William and the family quite well. All your sisters were staying with us here last week and I am happy to say quite well.

I measured one of the Larch Firs in the plantation yesterday, which girthed six feet and about a half, and there are many of the same size. The Oak, Ash and Spanish Chestnuts you planted are growing, and are now making stronger shoots every year.

Charles got a weeks leave of absence from his Regiment, which is at present expecting every day to be ordered to embark for Canada. He is quite recovered from the severe illness he had last autumn.

The Compton Squire often inquires about you. He is pretty well, but, something like myself, is becoming an oldish looking gentleman.

Your ever affectionate father,

William Wyndham