

Dinton - Dalwood Letters

'Dinton' 18th September, 1838

My dear George,

I had a nice letter from Charlie last week; he is at Montreal; does not expect any actual service, and thinks they would be just as useful if quartered at Salisbury, as where they are; the letter is written in good spirits, but he has a horror of the Yankees, and thinks them the most disgusting set of men that can be. Old Dr. Linton is still alive, but most dreadfully feeble; the last accounts of him that reached the village were such accounts that I am only astonished that he has gone on for so long.

The tythes are all agreed upon, so they will no longer be a bone of contention between Parson and Farmer. I take it to be a very fair plan they go upon, as the Clergy vow they will lose by it, and the landowner says the same. Dinton is compounded at 4/1 an acre, which is about the average for this part of the country. What changes a few years will effect in this neighbourhood. There is old Dr. Pole gone; there is our old Doctor and Mr. Penruddocke growing older and older. Dr. Pole is replaced by a person of the name of Gambier, of William's age. We have dreadful accounts of what may come to Dinton, as we may have a remarkably gentlemanly man or the very reverse, as I am told the latter is most probable

I am your affectionate sister,

ELLA WYNDHAM