

Dinton - Dalwood Letters

'Spye Park' 24th September, 1838

My dear George,

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The Birmingham and London was opened about two days since; the distance (112) miles was accomplished in 4 hours and 39 minutes. The Great Western Railway is also opened to Maidenhead and coaches go on it. I hear that the whole length of the railway will not be finished for some years yet. They have met with many unforeseen obstacles. A man has contracted to supply 13 millions of bricks to the directors, and a few days since has called on John to ascertain if there is any good clay in one of his fields, in which case he should be most happy to rent it from him at a very large sum per annum. I hope the man will find what he wants; it is close to the canal, which prevents land carriage, and of course the avoidance of that is a desideratum.

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Your ever affectionate sister,

CHARLOTTE STARKEY