

Ames.
Jan. 4/96.
Lord Stanley

Alderley Park (L1467)

Dear 30/95

My dear Augustus

I have heard from
Alice this afternoon that
you dig most days 8 miles
off - I hope you do not dig
yourself or you will catch
a bad cold coming back
I am not very well since my return
here, & my wife is indeed &
did not come down to dinner
yesterday nor with this evening
but I do not think there is
very much the matter with her
& she is better indeed this
weather. I should have

written to Alice, but couldn't
trust to her not communicating
my letter to others than you.
If you will show it to
nobody & return it to me
I will send you a copy
of a letter I lately sent to
the author of the Finance Act
which would be pleasing
to you to read.

The Act hits the poor as
much or more than the
rich - a maid servant
aged 45 had an annuity
of 20 £ and a cottage for

her life worth £ 226 &
she has had to pay 60 £
or 3 times the annuity.

Wishing you a happy New Year
yours affly

Stanley