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HINTON ST MARY,

STURMINSTER NEWTON,

DORSET.

so that you will be able to judge
for yourself. I do not
know any of the other men you
mention. All I can say about
W. Freeman is that he seems
gentlemanlike & not at all vulgar.
It is a mistake to think that I
let Ruth take the bit in her mouth
about anything, but I thought
that going about seeing the people
about the house was a good thing
for her & giving her something to do
in the country -

Your affec son
Alan M Dott.

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My dear Father

I am glad that you
have taken up the nursing
association as I was beginning
to be afraid that it was becoming
too expensive for me. The reason
why I was not so keen about it
myself was that I did not think
I had sufficient means or authority
to do it properly, so I let Ruth

do all the fussing about it
which I thought she did with
your consent & approval. I
certainly thought you knew all
about the die for the last ^{last year} Basque
& you were here yourself to see.
On the whole it has cost me more
than 20£ which I can ill afford.
I am glad Lady Baker has left
off writing to me about her schemes
I suppose she thinks now she had
better try & work them first hand
with you -

What is worrying me now is that
Jo has been ordered to go abroad
for his health by two independent
doctors. to take my family abroad
is a task that I hate & I have
no means to do it with. The
Inquisition as I have found out
is an expensive place to live in
so that I shall not be able to go
there unless you give us the means.
but I certainly think Jo ought to go -
I have never heard Mr. Bellairs
sing any vulgar songs, ^{but} I don't
know what Mr. Mansel Pleydell
would call vulgar - I hear that
he is going to sing at the Lammesbury