

George Stephenson

Alton Grange, May 16th 1833

My dear Robert,

I find we can make nothing of the men here, for their ideas are far too high, they will not get the coals & put them to the shaft under 3/. I have offered them 2/3 for per ton for large coals & one shilling for the bobbles: nothing for the small as we shall leave them under ground. I have got a person here, named Backburn,