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Rock Ferry 26 Oct. 1889.

Dear Sir William,

Your kind letter of the 11th reached me on the 24th. It is just such a letter as I should have expected from you, as you would naturally not like to trust your daughter to a comparative stranger without knowing how she and her children would be provided for.

Stoke's position is this, without being a hammer with me, he has a proportion of the profits of my business, which he watches with constant care, and his great organising ability is most useful where numbers of men are employed, no where for a long period, as in a manufactory, but who have to be constantly shifted, makes him particularly adapted to the business. He had to his credit on 6th Jan. over £6000 —

last, though his withdrawals, very little
spent upon himself, but through his
generous disposition, have always been
pretty heavy. I consider he would be
perfectly justified, with his prospects
in spending £500 to £600 a year, and
still have a margin for savings, and
I think or should advise him not to commence
upon a larger scale.

I think under no obligation, with a
trifling exception, I consider myself a
trustee only, of the property my father left
to me, for all my children in equal shares
subject however to my wife's control in case
of my death, and although I have increased
it, I have not been careful to make it
much more, preferring to do some good
if possible in my life time. I look to

Hope is succeeding ultimately to my
business.

Hope has always been my most intimate
friend, and he has always relied upon
me in the most confidential manner,
our mutual affection has been inexpressible.

It is a great satisfaction to us that
he has been led to fix his affections
on a lady brought up under such
happy influences as Miss Dawson.

Mr Atkin joins me in kindest regards
to you, Lady Dawson and Miss Dawson

I remain, dear Sir William

Most sincerely yours

Geo. Atkin.

Sir J. William Dawson