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COMPILED FOR THE USE OF  
THE EARL OF CHESTERFIELD'S TENANTS,

BY

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PLANTER AND BAILIFF TO THE EARL OF CHESTERFIELD,  
BRADBY HALL, DERBYSHIRE.

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TO  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
PHILIP EARL OF CHESTERFIELD, K.G.

*&c. &c. &c.*

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of your Lordship's orders, I have endeavoured to meet your wishes, by the compilation which I now lay before your Lordship; it purports to be a Treatise on Forest Tree Planting and Management, as adapted to the Farm System of Plantations. The theory contained in this Treatise is the result of observation and long experience, many years of which have been guided by your Lordship's fostering hand and kind indulgence. If I have so far



succeeded in this little production as that you, my Lord, should think it worthy of attention, perhaps of approbation, I shall consider it as one of the most fortunate occurrences of my life, that I have had an opportunity of making a small return to the noble and generous hand which has bestowed so many favours on,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient,

And most humble servant,

FRANCIS BLAIKIE.

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TO  
THE TENANTRY  
ON  
THE EARL OF CHESTERFIELD'S  
ESTATES.

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GENTLEMEN,

THE Earl of Chesterfield (with a view to the guidance and encouragement of his tenantry, and to enable them with more facility to understand and to fulfil the clauses contained in their several leases respecting the planting and nourishing of forest trees) ordered, that a BOOK of INSTRUCTIONS, in the form of a SHORT TREATISE on FOREST TREE PLANTING and MANAGEMENT, should be written expressly for the purpose; and that a copy thereof should be given to each of the tenants on

his lordship's estates. In consequence of these orders, the following Treatise has been compiled by Francis Blaikie, planter and bailiff to the Earl of Chesterfield, at Bradby Hall, in the county of Derby.

As an introduction, it may not be improper to state, it too frequently happens *amongst farmers*, that any thing new,\* is viewed with an eye of jealousy, under the idea of innovation—such illiberality is almost an insurmountable barrier against improvement; but, as the author addresses himself to a respectable body of tenantry, men possessing liberality of sentiment and enlargement of ideas, he, without hesitation, commences his Treatise, by observing, that the joint interests of landlord and tenant are intimately connected in the success of the system of Farm-Clump Planting, to the exclusion of the old system of hedge-row planting; it therefore behoves both parties

\* The system of Farm-Clump Planting is *here* called new, because that term is applicable to the practice in the district for which this Treatise is intended.