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## PREFACE.

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AT a Committee Meeting of the Holderness Agricultural Society, held at Mr. Iveson's office in Hedon, in March 1882, some of the members present (I think Mr. Francis and Mr. Barber) suggested that there must be a good deal of interesting information in the old minute books of the Society, and I undertook to look through them, and have read them through from the formation of the Society in 1795 up to the year 1850, and copied out what seemed to me to be the most interesting parts. I have not, however, been able to copy out word for word the discussions on the various questions, but have contented myself with naming each speaker. I should add that at all meetings of the Society the Secretary was present, for I have omitted to mention this in copying out the names of those present at the meetings: generally I have mentioned the name of the President and Vice-President, and instead of stating the name of each member present, have added, "the committee and other members and

visitors ;" for it appeared to me to be more simple to state this, than to give long lists of names. I have also added a list of members from the formation of the Society to September 1849, and Presidents and Vice-Presidents up to 1858.

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THE  
HOLDERNESS  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY.

AT a meeting of gentlemen and farmers holden at the house of Mr. Thomas Brown, innholder, in Hedon, on Monday, the second day of November, 1795— (present:—Messrs. Robert Bell the younger, John Booth, Thomas Brigham, Abraham Dunn, Joseph Foster, John Foster, Henry Foster, Thomas Frost, Philip Hardy, William Hutchinson, Robert Lambert, William Little, Edward Ombler, Edward Ombler the younger, William Raines, John Rounding, George Sherwood, James Shutt, William Stickney, Joseph Storr, James Stovin, Cornelius Stovin, Robert Stubbing, Robert Taylor, John Taylor, John Turner, Thomas Wilson, and William Young):—

*Resolved:—*

1. That the gentlemen present at this meeting do constitute a society to be called "The Holderness Agricultural Society, for the purpose of investigating agricultural subjects and other matters closely connected therewith."

2. That Messrs. Richard Brigham, James Brown, Thomas Brown, Thomas Champney, — Fewson, — Mitchinson, — Oust, William Raines the younger, Thomas Sampson, — Scott, — Stickney of Witham, and Robert Stickney of Ryehill, be severally made acquainted with the time of holding the first general meeting of the Society in order that they may then take their places as ordinary members, or signify their intention of so doing, they having expressed their approbation of the formation of the Society and a wish to become members.

*Resolutions of the Majority binding.*

That any resolution entered into by the majority of the ordinary members of the Society be binding on the whole and be adopted accordingly.

*President.*

1. That a President be annually elected by the suffrages of the majority of the ordinary members.

2. That in order to silence any dispute (if unfortunately any should arise), the President shall be accommodated with a hammer, the beating of which upon the table shall be equivalent to a call to order.

3. That if after three repeated beatings with the hammer the person or persons disputing be not silenced, the President shall exert his voice to restore tranquillity.

4. That if after the President has exerted his voice the person or persons continue to offend, he or they shall be banished the Society for that meeting.

*Treasurer and Secretary.*

That a person shall be elected as Treasurer and Secretary, whose necessary expenses in attending the meetings of the Society shall be defrayed out of the Society's funds.

*Committee.*

1. That the President for the time being and eight other members shall form a committee, which eight members shall be elected by ballot at the present or some subsequent meeting.

2. That a similar committee shall be elected annually.

3. That the committee for the time being, or any five of them, may act and continue to act for one year from the time of their election and may meet at such times and places as they shall think proper.

4. That the committee shall have a power to call an extraordinary meeting of the Society when they shall think necessary.

5. That they shall be empowered to open a correspondence by letter, by means of their chairman, with the Board of Agriculture or with any other Agricultural Society with which they may think it advisable to correspond, which correspondence shall be reported to the Society, and the expenses attending it defrayed out of the Society's funds.

*General Meetings.*

1. That the Society shall meet four times in a year, viz. on the first Monday in December, the first Monday in March, the first Monday in June, and first Monday in September.