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TO THE READER.

This REPORT is at present printed and circulated for the purpose merely of procuring further information, respecting the state and husbandry of this district, and of enabling every one interested in the welfare of this country, to examine it fully, and contribute his mite to its improvement.

The Society do not deem themselves pledged to any opinion given by the Author of this Survey; and they desire, that nothing contained in it be considered as their sentiments; they have only published it, as the report of the gentleman, whose name is affixed, and they publish it for the comments and observations of all persons, which they entreat to be given freely, and without reserve.

It is therefore requested, that the observations on reading this work may be returned to the Dublin Society, as soon as may be convenient, and which will meet with the fullest attention in a future edition.

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DEDICATION.

TO THE RIGHT HON.

LORD VISCOUNT MOUNTJOY.

MY LORD,

WERE your Lordship's noble father alive, gratitude and duty would have required that this, my first essay, should have been offered to his protection. He would naturally have been looked to, as the suitable patron for an Agricultural Survey of the County of Tyrone, to which his improvements were so ornamental, and in which his character was so highly respected.

In full confidence, that his virtues will still accompany his fortune, and that what his taste began, your Lordship will bring to perfection,

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I dedicate this imperfect tribute of my respect to
your Lordship's patronage, and have the honour
to subscribe myself,

With great deference,

Your Lordship's most devoted

Humble servant,

JOHN McEVOT.

*RASH, NEAR OMAGH,
1802.*

PRELIMINARY

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A COMPLETE Agricultural Survey of a county of such extent, opulence, and variety, as the county of Tyrone, would require a writer of much general information and scientific research. The only qualifications, which the writer of the present essay can pretend to have brought to his subject, are, an acquaintance with agricultural concerns from his earliest age, and a local knowledge of the county of Tyrone, obtained from a residence in it for many years.

The author had originally intended to have introduced in this work some sketch of the process of the linen manufacture, but this has been anticipated in the Survey of the County of Monaghan, where the soil and management are nearly the same as in this county.

A botanical arrangement of the indigenous plants has been laid aside, as a matter of too much magnitude for a work of this kind; but,

at some future period, the author hopes to lay it before the public in a separate work.

For many valuable hints, as to the mode of drawing up the Survey, and suggestions of useful and important topics, the author returns his grateful acknowledgments to the Right Hon. John Foster.

What has been said respecting Lord Mountjoy's extensive demesne and plantations at Rath, in various parts of this work, it has been since thought expedient to bring under one general head, in the form of an Appendix, that the reader, whose chief object may be that of ornamental improvements, may have, without interruption, a connected and perspicuous view of the whole.

SUGGESTIONS

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FOR GENTLEMEN WHO SHALL UNDERTAKE THE FORMING OF

AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS.

GEOGRAPHICAL STATE AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

Situation and Extent,

Divisions,

Climate,

Soil and Surface,

Minerals,

Water.

AGRICULTURE.

Mode of culture,

Extent of it, and of each species of grain sowed,

Course of crops,

Use of oxen—how harnessed,

Nature and use of implements of husbandry,

Markets for grain,

Use of green food in winter.

PASTURE.