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DEDICATION.

TO

The Rt. Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton,

THIS SMALL BOOK IS
BY PERMISSION
MOST RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED BY THE AUTHOR,
ACTUATED BY A PROFOUND
ADMIRATION OF HIS LORDSHIP'S COURSE
IN THE
MANAGEMENT OF LARGE ESTATES,
AND IN
DEALING WITH A NUMEROUS TENANTRY,
WHICH THE PLEASING DUTY
OF AWARDING ANNUALLY HIS LORDSHIP'S PRIVATE
PREMIUMS FOR GOOD CROPS,
GOOD FARMING, &c.,
NOW FOR MANY YEARS
HAS ENGENDERED.

P R E F A C E .

In submitting the annexed paper to the public, I feel that a short comment is necessary to explain the publication of such tenets at a time so adverse to their being generally adopted; as for instance, the advocacy of an extension of grazing, and the diminution of ploughing at a time when the ravages of the Rinderpest, &c., amongst Cattle, and apprehensions of its continuance militate strongly against the policy of such a course, and seem even to necessitate the reverse action.

I feel, however, that an emergency such as this which we all hope and trust is but a temporary one, ought not to stand in the way of good motives, especially when they are accompanied, as in this case, by a full recognition of the Source from which all needful wants are supplied, and therefore, I feel that to withhold its publication for such a reason, would in effect be a "sin of omission."

So much for the moral view of the case, but in addition to this, I maintain that expediency points to the same conclusion. I have endeavoured to show that want of attention to the requirements of

nature, in the form of due rest, &c., results in failure and decay alike to crops and Cattle ; and if this be so, I argue that to persist in ploughing so hard, and forcing so highly, may in the end terminate in such a derangement of nature's order, that the consequence may be more to our disadvantage than the adoption of these tenets even under the adverse circumstances now existing.

With these views therefore, I do not hesitate to proceed with what is intended for a good cause, and I earnestly hope and trust that good may result from so small an effort, and, if it does, even in a small degree, I shall be amply repaid and satisfied.

W. H. H.

*Dunham Massey,
Cheshire.*

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