

myself, as he did also, that there were a large number of fine animals there of the pure breed. But Mr. Tye should not be led away with the erroneous impression that, because he has met with that statement that the New York State Farmers have (which he would almost make appear) discarded all other breeds for the Devon. Not quite so fast Mr. Tye if you please, as you are overlooking a most essential point in arriving at a conclusion so inadmissible, for you must know that in different parts of New York State one improved breed is patronised more than another, and in many Counties immediately around Rochester the Devons mostly prevail, and in all probability this will be the case at the forthcoming Show at Utica. Mr. Tye, however, will not find that the Devons have preponderated, but that the Durhams have, in great numbers at every other State Fair except Rochester. And so Mr. Tye thinks, or would wish your readers to believe that my having set forth the merits of the Durhams as I and others have found them, as a Herd, and for having spoken, *as I thought*, in the most praiseworthy way of the Herefords and Devons, as the following extract also from my letter of July 1851 will shew, except in not admitting that the Herefords are famed as great milkers, is likely to do harm! In this instance at least, I must certainly accord to Mr. Tye a *peculiar* *faculty* of foresight that I and many of your readers happen not to be blessed with. I have hitherto thought, and I firmly believe, notwithstanding Mr. Tye's sophistry, that I shall continue to think that a *properly conducted* discussion on this, or on any other subject, is generally attended with advantage to some party, and regardless of Mr. Tye's prediction, I really cannot yet see *where* any harm is likely to accrue from any thing I have either written or advanced on the subject, confining myself, as I have done to fact, and stating nothing but what you know to be true. That part of my letter to which I have reference, and to which I beg leave to call the attention of yourself and readers, after having stated that I never saw or heard of the Herefords being patronized in any of the great Butter or Cheese counties in England with which I was familiar, runs thus:—"The Herefords, however, no one can dispute are a beautiful and profitable breed of animals, (I have grazed hundreds of them for Smithfield market) and doubtless there are good milking cows to be found amongst them, and it would indeed be strange if it were not so, in such an extended and old established breed. Then again the Oxen of the Hereford breed, as well as of the Devon are considered to be superior to the Durham for the yoke. This may be so, or it may not, for *when* and *where* let me ask has the test been fairly

made?" Again, further on in that communication I state as follows "I do not wish, Mr. Editor, that any one who may read this letter should, from anything I have advanced, be prejudiced against one breed or the other under discussion; I have merely stated what I know to be fact, and it will only go for what it is worth; but I would say let each individual try for himself which breed suits his soil or herbage, and his location or his purpose best. There ought to be great consideration paid to this circumstance in the selection of animals either for breeding or feeding purposes,"—And in conclusion I add, "I think both the Herefords and Devons have many excellencies, that they are splendid breeds of cattle as well as the Durhams, and will at all times, if judiciously bred, please the eye, with their graceful form and symmetrical beauty, as well as fill the pocket. But I must in conclusion say, from my own experience, added to that of others, whom I have frequently conversed with on the subject, that for all purposes upon the farm, the Durhams will decidedly pay the most money to the Breeder, Dairyman and Feeder. If however, Mr. Tye, or any other gentleman can shew to the contrary from their experience, I shall be happy to hear of it, and see it proved." Now, Mr. Editor, in the name of all that is candid and honorable, what pretext is there for Mr. Sotham or Mr. Tye taking up this discussion with the manifestly ill-temper and indiscretion they have done? One says, that I have no business to write or say a word about what I and others have found, from years of experience, to be profitable and useful, and that I have taken a false position; the other gentleman says, that I was not entitled to courtesy from Mr. Sotham, because I wrote disparagingly of a breed of cattle he imported and patronised. Now, if such sentences as those I have quoted from my former letter, and which, as plainly appears, have given such umbrage to Messrs. Sotham and Tye, can bear the construction which these gentlemen put upon it, with all the tortuosity they can bring to their aid, I must at once and for ever confess that I no longer know anything of the meaning which the English language is capable of conveying to the mind. Mr. Tye states that he hopes the Hereford breed may be more known in this country. With all sincerity can I say so too, for it is perfectly clear to me; as it must be to all breeders, that the more *pure blood* we can infuse into our herds, the better will it be for the country,—notwithstanding the patronage that some gentlemen wish still to give to that race of *critters* which stand *starvation* best! I hope, Mr. Editor, to have a word to say on the subject by and by.

I must, however, before I drop my pen, beg