

cern that my letter would admit of the construction he now puts upon it.

Is it, that he begins to think Mr. Sotham has got too hard a rap in my last letter in your July number, and that he thinks he ought to sympathise with him a little in the matter; or is it that Mr. Tye, having a few good Devons that he wishes to dispose of, is desirous of calling attention of purchasers to his Herd. I cannot but infer this after his long silence, as I have not been writing of late about *Devon Cattle*.—

What, therefore, can be his motive for stirring a fresh a subject on which he has been silent nearly a year. It would seem from Mr. Tye's remarks that he has been very much at a loss for a subject to write upon in order to bring his Devons into special notice. I should be glad to have it shown me *how* the following sentences can possibly be distorted into implying *that* which my writings do not convey, and which they never were intended to convey, but which Mr. Tye is desirous they should. They run thus in my letter of July 1851. "As you have, I conceive, *sufficiently* explained to Mr. Tye the reason why more premiums are offered to the Durham, than to other pure breeds. I need not further notice that part of his letter, than remark, that in my opinion it conclusively shews that as the number of Durhams is far greater than other pure breeds in the country, they must be held, generally speaking, in greater estimation for all purposes, by the Agriculturist; or why should their numbers be so much larger! as there has been the same opportunity afforded the Farmer to patronise other breeds; why has he not availed himself of it? for this simple reason, that the *Durhams*, on the whole, if properly selected and bred with skill and care pay better! It is a fact known to all, that the Durhams, from a Herd of high character, and in an able breeder's hands fetch a *far higher* price for breeding purposes than any other pure breed in this country. They are frequently sold, to my own knowledge, from \$150 to \$400—and even beyond that I might safely go. Does any one ever hear of Herefords, Devons, or Ayrshires, fetching that price in this country, or anything near it? I think this circumstance alone is a pretty cogent reason for the Durhams being in greater numbers and more extensively patronised than any other pure breeds. But there are excellencies in the breed that I will now name, which doubtless induce people to patronise them so extensively, &c. &c."

Pray, Mr. Editor, have I here *asserted* that the *only* reason (as Mr. Tye would wish it to appear) why Durhams deserve to be patronised, is on account of their numbers in this country? Surely Mr. Tye cannot read plain english, or there is no excuse for him perverting the real meaning of the above extract in the manner he

has. He, however, probably has his own reasons for this plain misrepresentation of what I have actually written. And he embellishes his article with extracts from the *Colonist* and *Genesee Farmer* respecting the Fair held at Brockville and Rochester by these papers last year, in quite a cursory manner. The former he quotes to this effect "Cattle, nothing extraordinary; a number of fine Devonshire, and these seemed to be getting greater favourites with the farmers than the Durhams, which did not seem to be so much prized as formerly," and yet the gentleman who wrote this inaccurate statement, and who of course could not be at the fair, or he would not have written such a paragraph, is informed as well as Mr. Tye, by the Editor of the *Agriculturist* in an extract from the Society's Books that the *Durhams* were nearly double in number those of the Devons or Ayrshire, and the number of Herefords were as usual! And two years previously to that the Durhams were 54 in number; Devons, 9; Ayrshire, 12; Herefords, none! And yet Mr. Tye thinks there ought to be as many prizes offered for these latter breeds as for the Durhams, when year after year there is but two or three individuals to take most, if not all the premiums, and in one of the breeds (Hereford) *no cattle are ever shown!* What reason, I would ask, can there be in any one writing so absurdly? If farmers do not bring the cattle because they have not them to bring, where is the use of offering the premiums for mere form's sake? The Directors, I have little doubt, have been guided somewhat by these considerations, in their decisions as to the number and amount of premiums offered. At any rate, it is as you assert, a subject that will admit of a difference of opinion. Again, who would expect to find in the extreme easterly part of the province, the Durham breeds of cattle to any extent. But even in that section of the province, the numbers have considerably increased of late years. But if Mr. Tye will take the trouble to hunt up the number of cattle shown at each of our *other* Provincial Fairs, he will find that at every Fair the number in favour of Durhams is very far greater than that at Brockville. Mr. Tye then goes on to say that the Genesee Farmer asserts that more than half the number of cattle exhibited at Rochester last year, were Devons. This is utterly untrue, I was there myself, and know it to be so, and could I just now lay my hand on a return which I have by me I would give you an accurate statement from the Secretary's Books. You shall, however, have it shortly. But I well recollect its being stated to me by a Devon breeder from England and in this country also, that fully one third of those exhibited as Devons, were merely grades. But I must candidly admit